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THE LOUISIANA TROUBLES.

HISTORY OF THE ATTEMPT TO COMPROMISE.

THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS FAILURE ON THE EXTREME MEN OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, SOUTH AND NORTH—THE M'ENERY CLIQUE APPEAL TO THE NEW-ORLEANS MOB IN INFLAMMATORY ADDRESSES—THE CONSERVATIVE LEGISLATORS INTIMIDATED—INDICATIONS OF RECOVERY FROM THEIR PANIC.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The story of negotiating for a settlement of the political difficulties in Louisiana, growing out of the election of 1872, can now be told as the history of an affair that is past. The hope of compromise is not wholly abandoned, but one chapter has been completed, and further efforts will have a new starting point. The responsibility for the failure thus far lies with the extreme men of the Democratic Party in Louisiana—the "last ditchers," as they are known in that State—and the Democrats of the North who seek to tear open the wounds of Louisiana as a spectacle to the country. They hope to gain partisan advantages from a continuance of turmoils and misfortunes in that State, and care nothing for the sufferings of a people for whom they profess especial tenderness and regard. Shortly after the Congressional committee reached New-Orleans the McEnery people repeated the proposition which they had made to the Foster subcommittee, to submit the contest of 1872 to the members of the committee for arbitration and adjustment. The committee did not consider that it had any power or right to arbitrate that contest. The Conservative caucus then made a new proposition, which was to submit the returns in the cases of all the contestants for seats in the Legislature, either to all the members of the committee or to Mr. Wheeler, of New-York, to decide who were elected. This plan also thrust upon the members of the committee a responsibility which they were not willing to assume. They did not wish by their own action to set up a Legislature in the State. The caucus invited from Mr. Wheeler a proposition for compromise, and by an understanding among all the members of the committee, he undertook the negotiations, and was to proceed till such a stage was reached that he desired the advice of his colleagues of the committee. The members of the committee in this matter acted as citizens, and in no way officially. The Conservative caucus, as it is called, is composed of the Conservative members returned by the Returning Board and the Conservative contestants of seats in the House. In response to the invitation Mr. Wheeler made the following proposition:

Whereas, It is desirable to adjust the difficulties growing out of the general election in this State in 1872, the action of the Returning Board, in declaring and promulgating the results of the general election in the month of November last, and the organization of the House of Representative on the 4th day of January last, such adjustment being deemed necessary to the re-establishment of peace and order in the State; now, therefore,

The undersigned members of the Conservative Party, and claiming to have been elected members of the House of Representatives, and that their certificates of election have been illegally withheld by the Returning Board, hereby severally agree to submit their claims to seats in the House of Representatives to the award and arbitrament of George F. Hoar, William A. Wheeler, William P. Frye, and Samuel S. Marshall, members of the Congressional committee now in New-Orleans, who are hereby authorized to examine and determine the same upon the equities of the several cases, and when such award shall be made, we hereby severally agree to abide by the same, and such of us as may become members of the House of Representatives under this arrangement hereby severally agree to sustain by our influence and votes the joint resolution hereinafter set forth; and the undersigned, claiming to have been elected Senators from the Eighth and Twenty-second Districts, hereby agree to submit their claims to the foregoing award and arbitrament, and in all respects to abide the results of the same; and the undersigned, holding certificates of election from the Returning Board, hereby severally agree that upon the coming in of the award of the foregoing arbitrators, they will, when the same shall have been ratified by report of the Committee on Elections and Qualifications of the body in session at the State-house, claiming to be the House of Representatives, attend the sittings of said House for the purpose of adopting said report, and if said report shall be adopted, and the members embraced in the foregoing report shall be seated, then the undersigned severally agree that immediately upon the adoption of said report they will vote for the following resolution:

Whereas, Doubts have existed and still exist as to the legal results of the election in this State in the month of November, 1872; and

Whereas, It is alleged, and by a large portion of the State believed, that the result of the election for members of the House of Representatives and for Treasurer, in the month of November last, was illegally determined and promulgated by the Returning Board; and

Whereas, These doubts, allegations, and belief have tended greatly to disturb the public mind and unsettle confidence and injuriously to affect the material interests of the State; and

Whereas, It is deemed necessary to the welfare of the State that an adjustment of the foregoing difficulties should be effected; therefore, be it hereby

Resolved, by the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, That said Assembly, without approving the same, will not disturb the present State Government, claiming to have been elected in 1872, known as the Kellogg Government, or to seek to impeach the Governor for any past official acts; and that henceforth it will accord to said Governor all necessary and legitimate support in maintaining the laws, and in advancing the peace and prosperity of the people of this State; and that the House of Representatives, as to its members as constituted under the award of George F. Hoar, William A. Wheeler, William P. Frye, and Samuel S. Marshall, shall remain without change, except by resignation or death of members, until a new general election.

This proposition was laid before the Conservatives on Wednesday, and on Friday night, after a session lasting eight hours, the Conservative caucus agreed to accede to its terms by a vote of 38 to 27. The resolution which the caucus agreed should be adopted differed from the resolution first drawn by Mr. Wheeler in the first few lines, which, in the caucus proposition, read as follows: "Without approving of the results of the election of 1872, we hereby agree to acquiesce in and abide by the results of the same." This modification was accepted by Mr. Wheeler. The solution of the difficulties that have vexed the country for so long seemed to be near at hand. It was understood by the Conservatives and by the Kellogg men that the award of the committee would give the Conservatives a majority in the House. This Kellogg was willing to acquiesce in. He felt, indeed, that his own hands would be strengthened by having such a Legislature as the award of the committee would establish. Speaker Hahn was heartily in favor of the compromise. The members of the Committee on Privileges and Qualifications were prepared to report in favor of seating the members who should be given seats under the award. The members of the Republican Legislature were known who would vote for this report. It was only necessary that the Conservative members returned by the Returning Board should go into the Legislature and unite with those Republicans in voting to seat the men who were adjudged by Mr. Wheeler and his colleagues to be entitled to seats to make the organization of the Legislature complete and valid. There was no agreement about the Speakership beyond an understanding which generally prevailed that both Wiltz and Hahn would retire and some new man should be elected. Thirty-eight of the Conservatives were pledged to vote for the joint resolution recognizing Kellogg as *de facto* the Governor of the State; and these votes, with the votes of the Republicans, would have adopted that resolution. The plan was acceptable to most of the business men of New-Orleans, many of whom called upon Mr. Wheeler, and in their conversation with him indorsed the agreement, and besought him not to leave the State till the difficulties had been in some way composed. The *Picayune* and *Times* in strong leading articles urged the acceptance of the proposition.

THE DEMOCRATIC IRRECONCILABLES.

It was on Friday night that the Conservative caucus accepted the terms, and on Tuesday or Wednesday of the next week, at the latest, the award could have been made, the report of the committee of the Legislature adopted, and the agreement consummated without delay or debate. At this juncture the New-Orleans *Bulletin*, the White League organ, on Saturday morning issued an extra containing the following call:

To the People of New-Orleans:

We call upon you to meet with us this evening, at 7:30 o'clock, on Canal street, at the Clay statue. We desire to hear from your own lips whether those men represent you truly whose action last night, in legislative caucus, we deem a betrayal of your rights and liberties, and an ignominious surrender of the cause, not only of Louisiana, but of American liberty. We desire to know from you, the people of Louisiana, whether you are willing to see the results of your heroic struggle for liberty, which has challenged the admiration of the world, bartered away for naught.

The signatures to this call were headed by McEnery. In the same copy of the *Bulletin* was an inflammatory editorial denouncing the action of the caucus. It said:

It appears that the matter is even worse than we imagined—that thirty-eight persons elected by the people to represent their interests and combat to the death the infamous usurpation set up by Grant, Williams, Morton, Durell & Co., have solemnly agreed to vote for a joint resolution recognizing the usurpation and acquiescing in the same the balance of Kellogg's term. They further have solemnly agreed to abstain from arraigning Kellogg for any of his actions in the past. In other words, they have consented to condone his crimes, however outrageous they may be and great as we know them to be, and to walk into the barricaded State-house, virtually handcuffed, to take seats in a house presided over by Michael Hahn. These are the plain, unvarnished facts. This is the shameful action of men in whom the people of Louisiana reposed faith, and in whose keeping she believed her fair fame and honor were safe. The thing, the odious thing, which the Radical caucus in Congress declined to do by an overwhelming vote—the recognition of Kellogg as Governor of Louisiana—is contemplated by a majority of the Conservative members of the House. The people will not submit to this action, but will repudiate it, and will hold the men who have done this thing accountable for their acts. It is gratifying to know that Gov. John McEnery, Speaker L. A. Wiltz, and Representative Edward Booth fought strenuously against the humiliating action, and pleaded with the members earnestly to recede from the position they had taken. In the name of the white people of Louisiana, in the name of the fair-minded people of the country who have nobly made the cause of Louisiana their own, in the name of all that we hold dear, we demand that the action shall be reconsidered, and Louisiana be saved from the deep damnation of this fatal act. * * * Citizens of New-Orleans, you were never in such imminent peril before; no, not even when you confronted the cannon and bayonets of Northern soldiers upon bloody battle-fields. There your lives were endangered; here reputation and honor are at stake, and an act is about to be consummated which, if sanctioned, will and ought to sink us where the plummet of a whole people's contempt can never reach us."

THE CAUCUS INTIMIDATED.

A meeting was held on Saturday night in accordance with the call, and 7,000 people were estimated to be in attendance. The speeches were of a fiery and violent character, and the meeting passed resolutions denouncing all compromises with the "Kellogg usurpation," and demanded that nothing be agreed to except the reinstatement of the Legislature as it stood before the interference of the military on the 4th of January. Incited by the articles in the *Bulletin*, and the speeches and resolutions of the meeting, the Conservative caucus met, and reconsidered its agreement. The Conservative majority thus showed that they, as well as the Kellogg officials, and the negroes were in terror and fear of violence from the mob. The caucus met again on Monday night; indeed it was in session nearly all day Monday. The Conservative proposition, which was then agreed upon, has been printed in THE TIMES in full. This proposition complied with the demands of the street meeting. It left out all recognition of the Kellogg Government and of the difficulties growing out of the election of 1872. Its first proposition was that that election should not be included in the adjustment. It also substituted for the joint resolution which had been previously agreed to, an agreement of the Conservative members to let Kellogg alone and not to disturb him for past political acts, so long as the President should sustain him. The difference between the two propositions was as wide as possible. The proposition first agreed to would settle all the political difficulties and effect the purpose expressed in the preamble. It bound the Conservatives to a recognition of Kellogg as *de facto* the Governor of the State for the rest of his term. Such an agreement was known to the committee to be acceptable to the great majority of the people of the State, who were willing to accept any fair terms which should give them peace and an opportunity to devote themselves to their business pursuits. The necessity of insisting upon the recognition of Kellogg for the rest of his term is more apparent when it is stated that the committee are convinced from the testimony, and many Conservatives admitted on the stand, that Kellogg actually received a majority of votes in the election of 1872.

SECRET DESIGN TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT.

The second proposition settled nothing except that the Conservatives should have the control of the House of Representatives. All the recognition which they proposed to give Kellogg was to send him a message that the House was organized and ready for business. In point of fact, it afterward leaked out, or rather was drawn out from one of the members of the caucus, that under the last proposition they expected to secure power, free from all restraints, so that they might take advantage of any complications in the future to seize the Senate and overturn the State Government. That such a scheme was possible, and was contemplated, was stated by one of the members of the caucus at a meeting of citizens, as justification for their agreement. The members of the committee had no wish to be parties to any conference which should leave any of the questions at issue open for further action or discussion. They promptly rejected the last proposition.

SIGNS OF A DISPOSITION TO THROW M'ENERY AND HIS CREW OVER.

On Tuesday night the caucus met again, and a motion was made to disperse, to meet at the call of Speaker Wiltz, with an agreement that meanwhile no member of the caucus should take any action whatever upon his own responsibility. The agreement was designed to keep any of the members from drifting into the Kellogg Legislature. The motion was not carried. A subsequent meeting of the caucus was held, and afterward the following dispatch, from a leading Conservative and other principal men in the negotiation, was received by Mr. Wheeler, dated Feb. 12:

"Is your proposition yet practicable if accepted by the Conservatives?"

To this Mr. Wheeler has not yet replied, but is waiting to consult with other leaders of the Republicans here.

HABEAS CORPUS SUSPENSION.

If the Conservatives do not now yield to fair terms, in which the results of the last election are assured them, the hands of those who are advocating the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus will be greatly strengthened. Some of the Conservatives are openly urging a new attempt to oust Kellogg, even though a conflict with the Federal troops were invoked.

THE NORTHERN DEMOCRATS ON THE COMPROMISE.

STRENUOUS OPPOSITION—TELEGRAMS FROM THE MANHATTAN CLUB, FROM CHICAGO, WASHINGTON, AND OTHER CITIES AGAINST IT—THEIR DREAD OF AN EXTRA SESSION AND ITS RESPONSIBILITIES.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The efforts at compromise on Louisiana were very distasteful to the Northern Democrats. For two or three days a great number of dispatches were sent to Conservatives in New-Orleans from the Manhattan Club in New York, from Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, and nearly all the leading cities of the North, advising, in the strongest terms, against any compromise whatever. The Democrats in Congress are generally out spoken in their opposition to compromise. They will obstruct in every possible way any legislation in Congress which promises to give place to that State. They seem to be willing that the people should endure, indefinitely, the ills of the last year, if any party advantage can be gained thereby. The people of Louisiana are beginning to understand that the professed sympathy of Northern Democrats has no deeper foundation. One of the results of the compromise efforts has been to divide the Democracy, as is clearly shown by the history of the negotiations. The "lost ditchers" are beginning to feel the opposition of the better class of their own party, and they have been placed clearly in the wrong by their overthrow of the agreement of the party caucus.

Marshal Packard has come to Washington in connection with the same business. What position he will take is not quite clear, though he seems within the last few days to become desirous of a compromise.

WISCONSIN RAILROAD LEGISLATION.

POINTS OF THE BILL WHICH WILL BE RECOMMENDED TO THE LEGISLATURE AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE POTTER LAW BY THE STATE RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 14.—The advance sheets of the Railroad Commissioners' report give all the points that will be embodied in the law which is to be substituted for the Potter law, which will be repealed. The Commissioners state that the only form of railway control likely to prove successful, under present conditions, is legislative, supplemented by direct supervision, the Legislature laying down a general rule of action, but leaving the application and enforcement of it to Commissioners. The new law will require:

First—The determination by the Commissioners of the actual cost value of each road, such value not to be greater than the actual cost, and to be subject to legislative revision.

Second—The annual determination of the gross and net earnings of each company, the reports of the company, the inspection of the books and affairs and other practicable methods.

Third—The division of roads into two classes; the first class including all roads paying a reasonable compensation on the valuation, and the second class including all other roads.

Fourth—Maximum rates of fare and freight for roads belonging to the first class, such maximum being subject to legislative revision.

Fifth—No restrictions of earnings in the second class roads, except to remedy unjust discriminations.

Sixth—Prohibitions of unjust discriminations and unreasonable rates.

Seventh—Close connections.

Eighth—A limited power of the Commissioners to require the repair of roads or rolling stock, and increased accommodations for passenger travel.

Ninth—Full and complete publicity of rates.

Tenth—Publicity to all contracts and agreements between the companies and to their business transactions generally.

Eleventh—Completeness of accounts and greater fullness and frequency of reports.

Twelfth—Adequate penalties for falsification or concealment of earnings and expenditures.

It is understood that the new law will allow the companies a profit of ten per cent. on a cash valuation of their property; when the earnings are more the rates must be reduced. The railroad lobby at Madison demand the repeal of the Potter law without the substitute, but the temper of the Legislature is decidedly against any such move. There is no doubt of the passage of a bill containing the important points noted above, and that it will receive the signature of the Governor, whose views it embodies. The only roads that will come under the first class, are the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road and the Chicago and North-western.

BOLD ROBBERY IN SAN FRANCISCO.

A bold robbery was committed in the Dime Savings Bank of San Francisco on the evening of the 6th inst. It has been the custom of the bank to keep open on Saturday evenings until 9:30 o'clock, to accommodate laboring people. During the business hours of the bank a large amount of the deposits in currency and coin is placed in the show-windows as an inducement to careless men to deposit their money in a safe place. On the night mentioned, about 8 o'clock, as the clerks were busy at their books, some daring fellow walked deliberately up to the window and dashed a brick through one of the large panes. At the same instant he inserted his two hands through the convenient aperture, and before the crash of the window-pane had even attracted the attention of the persons inside, he had escaped with his fist full of greenbacks. When the consternation which the daring deed excited had somewhat subsided an examination was made, and it was discovered that the audacious thief had carried away over $1,000 in greenbacks.

ALBANY.

THE DEMOCRATIC ASSEMBLY DISSECTED.

POOR RECORD MADE BY THE MAJORITY—NOT A CAPABLE MAN AMONG THEM EXCEPT SPEAKER M'GUIRE—A TALK WITH "OLD SALT"—HE GIVES HIS VIEWS WITH CHARACTERISTIC ENERGY—THE ASPIRANTS FOR DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP SEVERALLY CONSIDERED—WHAT IS NEEDED FOR A GOOD LEADER—A CROWD WITHOUT A HEAD—SENATOR WOOD'S IDEAS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN THE LEGISLATURE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 14.—The Democratic Legislature of 1875 has now been at work for upward of six weeks of the period comprised in a regular session, and it would not be unreasonable to expect that by this time affairs should be so shaped that some idea could be obtained as to the work which this body will accomplish. But any such expectation will be disappointed by a review of the present position of affairs among the Democratic majority, and if any conclusion is reached after such review it cannot well be other than that the session will result in once of the worst legislative failures that the State has witnessed up to this time. The number of bills introduced has been much less than for the same period last year. This, of course, is rather a good thing than otherwise, and would seem to show already the excellent effect of the prohibition of special legislation by the constitutional amendments; but unluckily for the Democratic majority the record will show that, either from dishonesty or ignorance, there have been numerous attempts to violate the amendments. Look over the Journal of the House, and it will be found that the first efforts to legislate to meet the constitutional requirements emanated from the Republican members; that all the blackmailing, or what are more generally and aptly known as "striking" measures, have been introduced by Democrats, and that the few constitutional measures introduced by the majority were purely imitations of Republican examples. The list of "striking" bills now in the House embraces, I understand, seven bills to "regulate" gas companies in New-York and Brooklyn; four to "regulate" New-York and Brooklyn ferry companies; two bills to prevent the sale of articles of inferior quality of gold or silver, known as "pinchbeck" or "bogus" jewelry, unless such articles are stamped and sold as "composition" goods; four bills to "regulate" the business of pawnbrokers and diamond brokers; and numerous other measures of similarly fearful and wonderful scope. The only things that look like laws at all, and that have emanated from a Democratic source, are a couple of Excise bills, a few railroad bills of no very great moment, a couple of bills to "reorganize" the local Government of the City of New-York, and three or four bills to amend the civil and criminal codes.

One of the grandest movements, perhaps, which this body contemplates, is the overturning, by various insidious means, of the present system of public education in this State, and there are some three or four plans of achieving this end now under discussion in certain quarters.

MR. ALVORD'S OPINIONS ON THE DRIFT OF LEGISLATION AND INDIVIDUAL LEGISLATORS.

I have had conversations this evening with some of the best known Republican members now in the city, the two best known being Senator Wood and ex-Lieut. Gov. Alvord. Gov. Alvord has had long experience on the floor of the House, and knows how to take the gauge of a political friend or adversary with equal accuracy and rapidity. When I asked him what he thought of the drift of legislation here this year, he replied, "Well, I can hardly see any drift to it, or have not seen any worth speaking of as yet. I know this much, though, that the other side is uneasy and alarmed, and has awakened to the fact that they have got to do some work or sink into the disgrace of being self-proved incompetents. I know that Speaker McGuire has made up his mind about it, and has gone right to work, and that he has put some of the few men he has got who can help him at work also. He is at work himself at this very time, drawing up an Excise law, a general law for the whole State. This question of properly regulating the sale of liquors has got to be handled justly before the people, so as to meet, as nearly as can be done at once, the views of the temperance as well as anti-temperance people. The Speaker recognizes this fact, and sees plainly that it will never do to attempt the passage of such a bill as that which was brought up here a few weeks ago by the State Liquor-dealers' Association and introduced by Waehner. That bill, you know, fixes a uniform license fee of $30 for the whole State, and compels the issuance of a license on the application of any person willing and able to pay the fee. Now I mean to say that in the City of New-York the practical effect of operating such a law would be like licensing murderers to open morgues at $30 a piece. The Speaker, you see, feels deeply the necessity of somebody's doing something; but there is no one that he can ask to do it, and so he goes in to do all he possibly can himself. He is the only man in the House on their side with any concentration of ideas or any practicability about him. But he can't do everything, and run the House as Speaker beside; and it will come to it in the end that we, the Republicans, shall have to do the entire shaping of the legislation required under the Constitution. They will try their "'prentice hands" on it and fail. You mark my words, that will be the end of it. In the past week they have been making frantic efforts to do something, and have developed quite a show of jealousy and ill-temper about the prominent part the minority has already played this session, and I don't know but that their jealousy has been mainly excited by the plain way in which the press generally has treated the subject. But jealousies and resentments won't help them much. They'll have to go to work, and if they can't do it we shall have to do it, and shall do it, that's all. At present they are making fearful flounderings in the effort to swim right side up. They have already got three bills in to provide for the creation and appointment of a State Board of Audit, as required by the constitutional amendments; but in that they only follow Prince's lead. I understand they have got Sherman of Oneida at work, also drawing up a lot of bills, and Willard Johnson, of Oswego, is doing something. This jealousy of theirs sprung up some time ago, or rather first showed itself when Prince, some three weeks ago, introduced at one time a batch of five bills under the new Constitution. That move of his astonished them, and they have never recovered from it since. Their inability to do anything effective proceeds, of course, mainly from their lack of men who know how to do it. They are none of them overstocked with brains, and they have too many aspiring gentlemen who can not begin to reach as high as they are looking. Then again, they are not only jealous of the Republicans as a whole, but ambitious men of theirs are jealous of each other individually. As there are so many of them who feel and know that they are of about equal ability, they can't have any leader, because a leader must be a man whose genius and power make him a natural leader. You can't elect a leader as you would a Speaker or a clerk. To be a successful or even a safe leader, a man must have that merit in himself which his colleagues will recognize as being of a superior order, and they may then concede, or he may, of his own strength, take the leadership; but you can't caucus for a leader nor elect one.

"OLD SALT'S" ESTIMATE OF THE SEVERAL DEMOCRATIC ASPIRANTS FOR THE LEADERSHIP.

Now take that young man Waehner. If he had some one to manage him he would make a leader, but his head runs off with him. He is too much affected by his own vanity. That disposes of whatever other fitness he may possess. Then you take T. Cooper Campbell, also of New-York. He knows something, it is true, but he is too unsteady, lacks decision and commanding manner on the floor, and his querulous, complaining sort of voice does not fix the attention. Sherman seems to be nowhere, and is nowhere when it comes down to leading his party, although he is to be excused somewhat, for he died virtually about fifteen or twenty years ago. Hammond, of Ontario, has more brains than most of them; but his tongue won't work, and a man can't lead unless he can talk. Page is too lazy and slow; and though he has had experience, it counts for nothing. Your New-York man, Daly, is a good, civil sort of man, and means to do well; but he is too sophomoric, and is tinged a little too strongly with the Irish national patriotic style of oratory. We don't want that. We don't want a man to hammer out the facts, and hammer them down plain and hard—quick as lightning, if he is to be a leader. Mr. Kennaday, of Kings, is a quiet, genteel member, who will never set anything on fire, either through friction or blunder; but he has all he can do to take care of his Committee on General Laws, and would not last long leading a hot debate on the floor.

WILLARD JOHNSON.

But I'll tell you one man who could get over and around and under them all, if he had only the gift of gab, and that man's Willard Johnson. But in his case there are other reasons that would prevent him from taking any bold position in debate. He is too open to attract a regular raking fire himself, but he can put up more jobs, pull more wires, and get more men into line than any other three men on the floor.

THE ONLY WAY THE MAJORITY CAN DO ANYTHING—THE OPPOSING MINORITY.

So it is with the best of them. You see they have all got some drawback, and as a body they can do no legislation except what they do by physical force—by sheer weight of votes. In all else they do, they will merely reflect the edicts or opinions of those outside. So far as regards the possibility of their initiating anything, or carrying anything original through, they can't do it. If they think they can, let them try it. We have given them notice and opportunity before to-day, and we have got men we can count on. There's Jim Husted, Lincoln, Seward, Prince, Vedder, and Petty; leave all the rest out on our side, and any one of these would be a man of mark on the floor. There would be, of course, considerable difference in the selection from among them of the best; but where have the other side got a man that can hold the floor with any one of them?

DEMOCRATIC DIVISIONS ON THE COSTIGAN BILL.

To go on to another subject, though, which shows their weak condition among themselves, do you know I think there is going to be a fight on the Costigan bill? Everything that I see and hear looks like it, and I am satisfied that Sam Tilden's friends have got the cue that he does not like that bill; that he thinks it will help to upset the little good that remains of the reform upheaval in New-York; that he does not want it to pass. He would sooner see a whole new charter framed than any of this tinkering work, and I believe his friends understand his views. I have reason to believe that if the bill had been brought up, as was proposed and expected last Friday, that one of the Democratic leaders, whom I could name, was to have risen and moved to recommit the bill, and on that there would have been a fight. You know Moses Y. Tilden, William Tilden, Pelton, and Charlie Swan have all been on the floor considerable for a few days past, and it means that the Governor is at work. Of course, the Speaker has been to New-York, and only got back this morning from there. He has had a consultation with John Kelly, and the programme is to whip Tilden's friends into line. If that can't be done, the Tammany men mean to make an open fight, right on the floor of the House; and as the thing is fixed for Wednesday at present, you may see a good rough and tumble there, in which case, of course, we come in on the side of the Governor.

A TALK WITH SENATOR WOOD—HIS OPINION OF THE DEMOCRACY.

At the close of this conversation with the "Old Salt" Monarch at the Delavan, I called at Congress Hall, but the only Republican "at home" was Senator Wood. He had comparatively little to say on the subject, as he has but small opportunity to study the Democratic majority in the House. He expressed the belief, however, that the Democracy is about to try to put on a little show of good behavior, as was shown by the fact that the bill for the compensation of employes of the Senate and House has been materially modified, as reported in the Senate, from the shape it had when it came from the Assembly. This modification embraces the striking out of the clauses which allowed the Clerk and other officers to draw a salary per diem, for any period above 100 days, at the same rate as the compensation for the 100 days. The salary named for the 100 days, be it remembered, was already equal to the maximum under the law of 1872, leaving out the "extras" voted annually in the Supply bill. As the Constitution prohibits these "extras," it was proposed to work the same oracle by this clause for the compensation in excess of 100 days. The Senate amendments originated in Democratic quarters, and it is construed as an evidence of growing caution or alarm.

The Senator believes the Republican Senate will go into caucus on the Costigan bill when it comes before the Senate, and has no doubt of its ultimate defeat.

THE LATE CONGRESSMAN HOOPER.

HIS CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—CONTEMPLATED ACTION OF CONGRESS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Representative Samuel Hooper, of Boston, died at his residence in this city, at an early hour this morning, of pneumonia, after an illness of about a week. Mr. Hooper was elected to the Thirty-ninth Congres to fill a vacancy, and took his seat in December, 1861. He has been a member of Congress continuously since that time. For ten years he was a member of the Ways and Means Committee, and assisted in framing the tax and tariff legislation of the war. In the last Congress he was Chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee, and at the time of his death was head of the Coinage, Weights and Measures Committee.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts delegation today it was decided that, as Mr. Hooper's immediate family are in Europe, the funeral services shall take place on Tuesday in the hall of the House of Representatives. The remains will be placed in a vault to await the order of his family. E. Rockford Hoar was chosen to announce Mr. Hooper's death in the House, which he will do to-morrow. Judge Poland was selected to act as Chairman of the funeral Committee of Arrangements, and the remains are now in charge of Sergeant at Arms of the House and will be placed in a casket like that furnished for the remains of Charles Sumner.

HIS EARLY LIFE AND BUSINESS CAREER—THE RECORD HE MADE IN CONGRESS.

Of Hon. Samuel Hooper, whose death was recorded in THE TIMES of yesterday, our Boston correspondent writes as follows: "Mr. Hooper was a native of Marblehead, the famous old fishing town on Cape Ann, and was born in the year 1808. His father, John Hooper, was a man of considerable prominence among his towns-people, and for a long time was President of the Marblehead Bank. Young Hooper came to Boston when quite a young man, and after some years of training and experience in the business, was admitted as a partner in the firm of Bryant & Sturgis, large ship-owners and manufacturers. He subsequently entered the widely-known firm of William Appleton & Co., and devoted his energies to the importing of teas and other Oriental products, the ships belonging to the firm. After the death of Mr. Appleton the style of the firm was changed, and has been continued under the name of Samuel Hooper & Co., Frankhn Gordon Dexter, Esq., a son-in-law of Mr. Appleton, being his only associate. In business Mr. Hooper was eminently successful. He was a shrewd financier, a good manager, and an upright, honest merchant, who was favorably known in all branches of commerce in Boston. He was enterprising without being reckless, and cautious without being afraid. He leaves a very large fortune, and has long enjoyed it. He was a public-spirited citizen, and was identified with every great movement which tended to advance the commercial interests of Boston during his active business career. He gave much attention to the subject of finance, and at one time, before he went to Congress, brought out a pamphlet on the question, which was considered a valuable contribution to its literature, and attracted considerable attention.

Mr. Hooper was elected to Congress in 1861 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of his partner, Hon. William Appleton, and since then he has been re elected six times, and declined the honor of a seventh re-election last Fall, owing to declining health, when he was succeeded by Hon. Rufus S. Frost, of Chelsea, Republican. Mr. Hooper had previously served the State one term in the Senate and two terms in the House. In Congress he has made no record as a debator or agitator, his voice having seldom been heard in debate on the floor, but he has been an active and influential working member and prominent among the leaders of the Republican Party. During the trying times of the war of the rebellion he gave substantial support to the Government. In the committee-room he has also done important and valuable work. He held for several years an important position on the Ways and Means Committee, and was long Chairman of the Committee on Banking and Currency. He was always firm for a substantial system of national finances, and his experience in money matters made him a warm friend and frequent adviser of Salmon P. Chase during his occupancy of the office of Secretary of the Treasury under Mr. Lincoln's Administration, who paid a sterling tribute to his ability as a financier. He was always a firm and consistent Republican.

Mr. Hooper married early in life a daughter of Mr. Sturgis, his first partner, and has had two daughters and one son. The latter, Sturgis Hooper, died in the service, while doing duty on the military staff of Gen. Banks, and it was his widow who married Charles Sumner and soon afterward separated from him. One of Mr. Hooper's daughters married Thornton K. Lothrop, Esq., son of Rev. Dr. S. K. Lothrop, and a leading member of the Suffolk Bar, and for some time President of the Eastern Railroad; and the other is unmarried. All of Mr. Hooper's immediate family, including his widow, are now abroad, but his brother, Dr. Hooper, was with him in Washington when he died. At the time of his death Mr. Hooper was a prominent Director in the Merchants' Bank, Boston, a position he had held for thirty-seven years, and he had been for more than twenty years a leading Director in the Eastern Railroad corporation. He held stock, and was identified also, with several great railroad enterprises of the West. He has contributed largely to the cause of education, among other acts establishing a scholarship at Harvard, soon after his only son's death, as a memorial. He himself did not enjoy the benefits of a college education.

THE ICE-BOUND FLEET.

SUFFERING OF THE CREWS OF VESSELS OFF PROVINCETOWN, MASS.—DEATH OF ONE MAN.

BOSTON, Feb. 14.—The revenue cutter Gallatin arrived this morning from Provincetown, where she has been engaged for the past three days assisting a fleet of thirty or more ice-bound vessels. The Gallatin brought up four men who were rescued from the schooner John Bromnel, from Florida, for the Boston Navy Yard, loaded with lumber, and which was caught in the ice and stranded. The men were badly frozen, and amputation of their feet and hands will probably be necessary in two cases. They were sent to the Marine Hospital for treatment. A fifth man of the crew, Charles Franks, died on reaching the shore; he was frozen in the rigging and could be gotten down only with the greatest difficulty. The cutter, after coaling, returned this evening to Provincetown.

Unless the weather moderates serious results are anticipated, as many of the ice-bound vessels are out of provisions and their crews unable to proceed or gain the shore. The men of the life-saving station No. 5, are doing all in their power to succor them, and the cutter returns with needed supplies.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

The Lutheran Church at Clear Spring, Washington County, Md., was burned yesterday evening. The organ and most of the furniture were saved. The loss is about $5,000. There was no insurance.

The extensive lamp-black works of Charles Eneu Johnson & Co., on Penrose Ferry road, near Philadelphia, were totally destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

The steamer Frank P. Gracey was burned in her ice harbor at Dutch Bend near Evansville, Ind., yesterday morning, and is a total loss. The fire originated in the chamber-maid's room, where the watchman was cooking his breakfast. The steamer was owned by Capt. Wiley Simms, of Nashville; G. J. Grammer, and John Goff, of Evansville, and was valued at $16,000. She was insured for $12,000, as follows: Underwriters', of New-York; American Central, of St. Louis; St. Joseph, Mo., and Hartford, Conn., $2,500 each; and the Globe, of Chicago, $2,000.

RESUMPTION OF WORK.

READING, Penn., Feb. 14.—The *Times and Dispatch* to-morrow will announce a partial resumption of work in the machine shops of the Reading Railroad Company, to take place on Tuesday. Half of the force of employes will be put to work. This will necessitate a resumption of work in the blacksmith shop, brass foundry, boiler-shop, &c.

LATEST NEWS BY CABLE.

FRANCE.

THE CABINET AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL BILLS—GEN. DE WIMPFFEN'S LIBEL SUIT AGAINST CASSAGNAC.

PARIS, Feb. 14.—It is believed that no new Cabinet will be formed until a final decision is reached in the Assembly on the Constitutional bills.

In the trial of the Wimpffen libel case yesterday the General addressed the court, repudiating in strong terms the imputations on his character as an officer and a gentleman. M. De Cassagnac, the defendant, replied by repeating the statements he made in *Le Pays*. He accused Gen. Wimpffen of vanity and incompetency, and declared he was guilty of treachery, having broken his oath of allegiance to the Empress.

DEATH OF A PARIS BANKER.

PARIS, Feb. 14.—M. Fould, the banker, died yesterday.

GREAT BRITAIN.

ELECTION OF A CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE FOR THE HOUSE OF COMMONS FROM CHATHAM.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Mr. Gorst, the Conservative candidate, has been returned to Parliament from Chatham by 215 majority.

SPAIN.

THE KING IN MADRID — DIPLOMATIC AND MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

MADRID, Feb. 14.—King Alfonso has arrived in the city.

The Marquis De Molins, Minister of the Marine, has been appointed Ambassador to France. Señor Canovas del Castillo takes charge of the Marine Department *ad interim*.

BAZAINE AT SANTANDER—THE POLICE PROTECT HIM FROM VIOLENCE—CARLIST OPERATIONS.

SANTANDER, Feb. 14.—Ex-Marshal Bazaine left here last night for Madrid. The Police were obliged to occupy the railway station on his departure to protect him from violence and insult.

It is rumored that the Alfonsist forces have fallen back to Oteiza, Larraga, and Tafalla, and the Carlists in Biscay and Guipuzcoa have been reinforced. A sudden attack on Bilboa is threatened.

CARLIST REPORTS OF THE SITUATION IN THE NORTH.

PARIS, Feb. 14.—A telegram from Carlist sources says Gen. Moriones is separated from the Army of the North, and is now blockaded in Pampeluna, which place is in a worse condition than it was before it received relief.

THE INTERNATIONAL CODE.

PRINCE GORTSCHAKOFF'S REPLY TO THE ENGLISH REFUSAL TO JOIN IN THE CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Prince Gortschakoff has replied to England's refusal to participate in the International Code Conference at St. Petersburg.

He says the way will always be open to England to give in her adhesion to the resolutions which may be adopted by the conference, whether she joins it or not. The moderate tone of the reply is attributed to the mediation of the German Ambassador at St. Petersburg.

GREAT BRITAIN.

ARCHBISHOP CULLEN AND THE PROTESTANT REVIVALISTS.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Archbishop Cullen, in a pastoral address, condemns the mission of the revival preachers, Moody and Sankey. He says these men seek to do away with good works and the necessity of baptism, promising salvation by foolish sensationalism, without requiring repentance.

STEAMER ARRIVAL.

ANTWERP, Feb. 14.—The Eagle Line steamer Nederland, from Philadelphia Jan. 30, arrived yesterday.

DISASTER TO A STEAMER.

THE LEIPSIG ASHORE IN A FOG—THE PASSENGERS AND MAILS LANDED.

PLYMOUTH, Feb. 14.—The steam-ship Leipsig, from Bremen and Southampton, for Baltimore, ran aground to-day off Start Point, in a dense fog. Her passengers and mails have been landed. It is thought she will get

THE SOUTHERN QUESTION.

SENATOR CONKLING'S SPEECH—THE NATION AND LOUISIANA.

ADDRESS DELIVERED IN THE SENATE ON THE 28TH AND 29TH OF JANUARY—THE EVENTS OF THE 4TH IN NEW-ORLEANS—THEIR MEANING AND INTENDED CONSEQUENCES—THE CULMINATION OF A DEMOCRATIC PLOT TO SEIZE BY VIOLENCE THE STATE GOVERNMENT—THE CALL FOR MILITARY INTERFERENCE MADE BY BOTH DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS—PRESIDENT GRANT IGNORANT OF THE OCCURRENCES TILL THEY WERE OVER—DEMOCRATIC RECORD ON THE USE OF THE MILITARY FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES—GEN. SHERIDAN VINDICATED—THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND THE SOUTH.

From the Congressional Record.

The Senate having under consideration the following resolution, submitted on the 8th of January—

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire what legislation by Congress is necessary to secure to the people of the State of Louisiana their rights of self-government under the Constitution, and to report with the least possible delay by bill or otherwise—

Mr. Conkling said:

Mr. PRESIDENT: My own judgment of the fitness of things, and of the value of time in this brief and fast-ebbing session, would not lead me into this so-called debate. Certainly no value placed by myself on any opinion of my own would move me to consume an hour now, with nothing before the Senate which discussion can affect. But when days and weeks have been devoted to serious and exciting topics, when many Senators have expressed their views at large—sometimes with reiteration, and no sign of abatement can be seen, a time comes when silence may not have even the merit of stanching the flow of words. Like a piece on the stage, to borrow a favorite figure of the Senator from Ohio, [Mr. Thurman,] the drama which entertains the Senate now must have its run; and the appearance of a tiresome actor may abridge the period which must elapse before the managers will try the public taste with something else.

THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN OF 1876 FORMALLY OPENED BY THE DEMOCRATS IN THIS DEBATE.

The Presidential campaign of 1876 has been formally opened. It has been opened in the Senate, and legislation waits. It has been opened with somewhat of dramatic effect, and much of sensational awfulness. The Senator from Ohio, the leader of the opposition, came in from the holiday vacation armed with a resolution of inquiry leveled at the President of the United States. Its terms were such as to imply that the Chief Magistrate had done something to forfeit the ancient usage of decorum which our fathers and their children were wont to observe when putting questions to the head of the Executive Department. Assuming that the brusqueness of the resolve was inadvertent, I suggest that it be changed to the customary form. The demeanor which this suggestion met, like a signal-gun, told us in an instant that we were to be charged all along the line. It was not in order to consider the resolution except by unanimous consent; but no Senator objected. Every supporter of the Administration was ready to vote for it on the spot. But immediate action, and immediate response to the inquiry, were not the end aimed at. Sensation and prejudgment were sought, and so denunciation began, and days were worn out with accusations and assertions which time has already disproved. This was not the work of those who support the Administration. They waged no debate. They did expostulate against prejudgment. The Senator from Ohio exclaimed yesterday that no one, while his resolution was pending, justified the acts at New-Orleans. No; the majority waited for the facts while the Senator and his associates wasted days in assertion. When, from Tuesday morning till Friday evening, the Senate had been thus detained, the mover of the resolution proposed to postpone it until the succeeding Monday, that hindering declamation might still go on; and then it was that we on this side insisted that the resolution should be passed. Such procrastination, in a political manœuvre, would have been maladroit in us. It was harmless to our friends on the other side, because they have a press so facile, so convenient, so subserviently loyal to its party. Wherever newspapers raise hue and cry for the Democracy it has been published that the Republican majority of the Senate resisted the resolution, and strove to defer and stifle the inquiry. It has been said that, fearing the truth, we defeated the resolution altogether—ardent admirers of the Senator do not yet believe that it has ever been adopted. Let me show you an example of the falsehoods which nourish the faith of those who assail and accuse Congress and all its works. Here in the *Daily Tribune*, of Mobile, of Jan. 7, 1875, is an editorial entitled "A Blushing Shame." It thus descants:

"Mr. Thurman deserves the thanks of the entire South for his manly conduct in pressing his resolution upon the Senate. He did all he could. His resolution was just and timely, but these qualities were the very ones that secured its defeat. The Radicals will not permit inquiry which will develop their infamous plots and outrages. They prefer darkness, and darkness they intend to have, at the expense of every principle of honor and justice."

PREJUDGING THE CASE AND CONDEMNING THE PRESIDENT IN ADVANCE.

One of those who took partin prejudging the case, and condemning the President in advance, was the Senator from Delaware, [Mr. Bayard.] Giving us much of weighty monition, he did not forget the amendment to make the resolution conform to the custom in such cases. He said:

"Mr. President, in my judgment the amendment proposed by the honorable Senator from New-York to this resolution is quite out of place and unnecessary."

Proceeding, he alluded to the fact that his name had been mentioned among those connected with resolutions, which, asking questions of the President, had contained the words, "if in his judgment not incompatible with the public interest." Repudiating the reference thus made to him, the Senator proceeded to mention the supposed occasion, and thus accounted for the use there of the usual words. He said, speaking of his resolution:

"I was glad to have it accepted in any form, even with the entirely superfluous, and as I thought then improper, addition which was put upon it. I made no objection to it. In that way alone the resolution, as amended by the Senator from New-York, came before the Senate."

"Entirely superfluous and as, I thought then improper, addition"—that is very explicit, but the Senator was in error I think. It was the quaint confession of another public teacher that his foresight had never been so good as his hindsight.

The foresight of the Senator on the 1st of March, 1873, could not have been as he now remembers it.

Here is the record of that day. I read:

"Mr. Bayard offered the following resolution:

'*Resolved*, That the President be, and hereby is, requested to inform the Senate whether any commissioned officer of the United States Army—"

And so on—the remainder of the resolution need not be read.

"There being no objection the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. Conkling—I suggest to the Senator from Delaware that the resolution ought at least to conform to the usual form; and therefore I move to insert the words, 'if in his judgment not incompatible with the public interests.'

Mr. Bayard—Certainly.

Mr. Thurman—I should like to know what public interest this information can possibly be incompatible with.

Mr. Conkling—I do not suppose it would be incompatible with any public interest; but we have adopted that form in all cases, because we cannot judge whether it might or might not be.

Mr. Bayard—Certainly; I agree with the Senator.—*Congressional Globe, part 3, third session, Forty-second Congress*, 1872–73, *page* 2,082."

It would seem, then, that with attention called clearly to the point, the Senator fully agreed with me less than two years ago. Times change, however, and men change with them.

Returning now to the present occasion, we were not permitted to send the resolution to the President until after it had become notorious that a communication from him would anticipate our action if our inquiry was longer held back. An answer came promptly—a patriotic, frank, and able message which lies on the table, but denunciation still goes on, under guise of a resolution offered by the Senator from Missouri, [Mr. Sohurz,] which plainly declares on its face that its mover and those acting with him have no legislation to suggest touching Louisiana, but require the advice and instruction of one of the committees of the Senate to tell them what to do.

I say denunciation goes on. The honorable Senator from Ohio yesterday for four hours engaged the attention of the Senate. What was his speech? I mean no discourtesy when I say it was a carping criticism. A criticism of whom and of what? A criticism on law-breakers, on men moving about as walking monuments of the mercy and magnanimity of the American people, and ever blustering about their rights, and by deeds of violence keeping the South in unceasing turmoil? A criticism of acts which have tarnished the escutcheon of the nation, and affrighted humanity? No; even the bloody revolt of the 14th of last September, when more than fifty men were shot down in New-Orleans, received no word of reprehension. A criticism of the constituted authorities of the country, legislative, executive, and judicial. The honorable Senator began by reading an extract from a speech of his own made in 1871, in which he branded the acts of the national Congress. He continued by denouncing the acts of the President of the United States, of the State Executive, and of the Judiciary of the State and of the nation.

ATTITUDE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY TOWARD THE SOUTH AND THE RECONSTRUCTION MEASURES.

The Senator from Ohio is he above others to whom the nation looks to know and to state, if not to originate, the policy of his party—to set forth what his party means to do, and what should be done? We heard him through a carefully elaborated speech. Did the Senate learn anything of the policy of the Democratic Party? Did we hear of any practical measure of legislation in respect of the Southern question? Did the Senator from Ohio tell us what to do with the imbroglio in Louisiana? No, Sir. There is a wide difference between a critic and an architect. It is easier to pull down than to build up. And the speech of the Senator confirms the belief that the policy of the Democratic Party upon this question, as upon the financial problem, and upon every great question, consists only in denouncing whatever is done by those charged with public affairs. The statesmanship and the policy of that party seem only to rise to the height of abusing its adversaries.

One thing is apparently at last too studied than some others, in the speech of the honorable Senator was pregnant with disclosure. He said in effect, I do not quote his words, "If such be the condition of the South it is time that the party which through the war and since the war has guided affairs should give way and let another party come in." Mr. President, there is the key to the political secrets of the managers of the South and of the North ever since fighting ceased. There is the clew which unravels the web; there is the gospel of party as whispered and muttered from the beginning of the effort to reconstruct the South. Make reconstruction a miscarriage, refuse to aid it in good faith, thwart it, baffle it, make the most of it, keep open agitation, disturb, foment, and factionize, and the time will come when the country, wearied and worn with commotion, will accept anything for a change.

The honorable Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. Scott] knows better than I do how true this is. Witness after witness before the committee of which he was Chairman explained it in detail. When fighting ceased, every man in the South could vote. The right of self-government and the ballot were as free and Universal in every Southern State as the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. No man was denied the right to vote, not even Jefferson Davis. Did they exercise it in good faith? No, Sir. On the contrary social ostracism was brought to bear to deter men from accepting public office, and from aiding to raise again the fabric of government. The party, managed by those who had received the nation's forgiveness, refused to set candidates in the field in some instances; refused to vote for or against measures submitted to them; refused by every negative method to accept and help on the efforts of Congress to rebuild and rehabilitate the South; refused at all times cordial compliance with the new amendments of the Constitution and laws made to effectuate them; and now we are taunted by their leader on this floor with the partial success of their sulky and sinister designs. The plan was to abandon the beginnings of reconstruction of the Southern State Governments to incompetent and unfit hands—the hope was that if the ignorant, the mercenary, and the unpopular, were left to act in local affairs under the new order of things, and paraded as the apostles of reconstruction and the representatives of the national legislation, the whole system would become odious, and would fail.

Such were the auspices under which reconstruction was launched, and the real obstacle it has encountered has been the deep-seated obstinacy of those who have sacrificed their own true interest, and the peace and prosperity of their States, to unquenched resentment and prejudice. Hatred of suffrage and equal rights for black men, has ruled the hour; had those who received the clemency of the nation accepted it in good faith, this Chamber would not resound to-day with the discussion which now proceeds.

THE ELECTION IN LOUISIANA IN 1872—ITS FRAUDS AND WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM.

The honorable Senator from Ohio has exhumed the election of 1872 and made that a back-ground against which to set off the occurrence of three weeks ago in New-Orleans. What have the two events to do with each other? Who planned the election in Louisiana of 1872? Who turned it into a disgraceful tangle of fraud and force? Warmoth. Who was Warmoth? The leader of the opposition to the National Administration—the charioteer of the grand combination troupe of Liberals and Democrats who attempted to carry Louisiana and enough other States to make Mr. Greeley President. And now the Republican Party is belabored with what Warmoth and his desperate accomplices did.

The election of 1872 in Louisiana was an organized fraud. Hear what was said of it by the committee of this body:

"The testimony shows that leading and sagacious politicians of the State, who were acting with Warmoth, entertained the opinion before the election that Warmoth's control of the election machinery was equivalent to twenty thousand votes; and we are satisfied by the testimony that this opinion was well founded. We believe that by fraud and registration, disturbing voters at polling places being properly established, the result of the election would have been entirely different. And although we cannot approve of such a canvass as that made by the Lynch Board, who seem to have acted upon the principle of 'fighting the devil with fire,' and circumventing fraud by fraud, and cannot say that Kellogg's Government was elected, nevertheless we believe that Kellogg's Government was defeated, and the people of that State have been, by the fraudulent manipulation of the election.

If the Senate should be inclined to go behind the official returns of the election, then the McEnery Government and Legislature must be recognized as the lawful Government of the State, and McMillen, if regularly elected by that Legislature should be seated in the Senate in place of Kellogg. *But your committee believe that this would be recognizing a government based upon fraud, in defiance of the wishes and intention of the voters of that State.*"

Yes, Sir, your committee believe that recognizing McEnery "would be recognizing a Government based upon fraud, in defiance of the wishes and intentions of the voters of that State." And yet the honorable Senator from Ohio comes now to complain that McEnery was not installed under color of this detestable fraud, and was not recognized by the President. The result of that election was contested. It was authoritatively declared to have been defeated in doubt. In every forum in which the result has been searched for, the decision has been against McEnery. The Constitution of Louisiana provided modes in which the title of those claiming offices under the election could be tested. Some of these modes were applied. The question of Kellogg's election was repeatedly presented to the State courts of Louisiana. The decision in every instance was against McEnery. The question was presented to the House of Representatives of the United States, and the House decided against McEnery. The question was presented to the Senate of the United States, and the committee of the Senate, with only one dissent, decided against McEnery. The question was presented to the President of the United States; he decided it against McEnery; but he sent a Message to Congress saying in effect, "I have made the best disposition I could of this vexed question; I invite you to reverse my judgment if you find the truth will warrant it;" and Congress by non-action and acquiescence affirmed the judgment of the President. Despite all these adjudications, defiance, revolution, broil festering to rebellion, open refusal to submit to authority and law, goes on in Louisiana; and the Senator from Ohio comes with a special plea, and going back to the old jungle of the election of 1872, he galvanizes an effete question, and seeks to find or to exterminate the unbridled lawlessness which has never desisted, and never been awed except by power.

JUDGE DURELL'S ORDER—WHY IT WAS SUPPORTED.

The Senator made the customary onslaught on Judge Durell, a Judge appointed, not by President Grant, but by President Lincoln. This Judge made an order, the Senator says bad for a variety of reasons, one of which was that "it had no seal," as if the President in Washington knew whether the order had a seal or not. Before any such order was made, the President, through the proper law officer, had telegraphed to the Marshal that the decrees of the Federal courts must be obeyed; and, says the astute if not charitable Senator, how came the President through the Department of Justice to send a telegram to Louisiana that the decrees of courts must be obeyed, before this order had been issued, and therefore, before it had been resisted? The Chief Magistrate of the United States has often answered the question. He answers it on the first page of his recent message which the Senator from Ohio must have studied, because he complains that he could not find in it everything he wanted. The President says:

"To enable the court to inquire as to the truth of these allegations—

Referring to the suit then pending before Judge Durell—

a temporary restraining order was issued against the defendants, which was at once wholly disregarded and treated with contempt by those to whom it was directed."

The occurrence here stated, had preceded the telegram to which the Senator calls attention. Again, the President says that the orders to which reference has been made have been held to be illegal, but

"while they are so held and considered, it is not to be forgotten that the mandates of his court had been contemptuously defied, and they were made while wild scenes of anarchy were sweeping away all restraint of law and order.

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Whatever may be said or thought of those matters, it was only made known to me that process of the United States Court was resisted."

There is the answer to the question, so unwarrantably suggestive as it was of something wrong and hidden on the part of the President. There is a plain and adequate answer. The President, on notice of resistance of judicial process, telegraphed that the decrees of courts must be respected and obeyed. What else could he say; what else could be said in the presence of the facts by any Chief Magistrate who reverenced his oath of office?

UNDER WHAT ORDERS GEN. SHERIDAN WENT TO NEW-ORLEANS.

Mr. President, this debate revolves upon one pivot, an occurrence on the 4th of January in a room in a distant city. In a room in a hotel in the City of New-Orleans—which hotel is leased this year by the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Speaker for public use—a transaction took place which has ostensibly incited all the speeches to which we have lately listened. Speaking of it, I say first, that no responsibility for the affair in New-Orleans on Jan. 4, touches the President of the United States. No blame for what was done or said can be laid at his door. The first information he received was simultaneous with that of other citizens. The newspapers of the following day were his first informants. He had no expectation or apprehension in advance. If there were those in Washington, or nearer Washington than the limits of Louisiana, who had notice that revolution was to be attempted on the 4th of January, the President of the United States was not one of them. He therefore had made no provision for such a contingency, and no preparation for the tidings of the event. Nearly a fortnight previously, and on the 24th of December, the President had requested Gen. Sheridan to make a tour of observation, not in Louisiana alone, but in the Southern States—several States were named, and all were included. No personal conference was held between the President and Gen. Sheridan. The General was in Chicago, and the communication was in writing. It was forwarded to Gen. Sherman, then General of the Army. In it was suggested a conference with Gen. McDowell. The substance of the communication is this:

WAR DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 24, 1874.

Gen. P. H. Sheridan, Chicago, Ill.:

GENERAL: The President sent for me this morning, and desires to say to you that he wishes you to visit the States of Louisiana and Mississippi, and especially New-Orleans, in Louisiana, and Vicksburg and Jackson, in Mississippi, and ascertain for yourself, and for his information, the general condition of affairs in those localities. You need not confine your visit to the states of Louisiana and Mississippi, and may extend your trip to other States, Alabama, &c., if you see proper; nor need you confine your visit, in the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, to the places named. What the President desires is to ascertain the true condition of affairs, and to receive such suggestions from you as you may deem advisable and judicious.

Permission was given to assume command, should he find it well at any time to do so.

There is the official statement, giving the truth and the whole truth of the mission on which Gen. Sheridan was sent. The Senator from Delaware [Mr. Bayard] referring to the presence of Gen. Sheridan in Louisiana was pleased to utter this language:

"In the midst of this excitement, in the midst of this blow at the very heart of popular government, who has he selected to preside over the affairs of that State? Lieut Gen. Philip Sheridan, sent by him to New-Orleans secretly, not by public order known to the people."

Now observe:

"Is sent, slowly to dragoon the people of Louisiana into slavish, fearful, crinching, un-American obedience to his will and pleasure."

Such is the comment of a Senator on such an act of the Chief Magistrate, and of the Lieutenant General of the Army. I commit to the record, and to the calm scrutiny of after times, the action of these officials, and the comment and statement of the Senator. Let the truth and the accusation stand side by side.

When Gen. Sheridan was thus invited to visit the South the President had been compelled day after day to listen to wails of woe and entreaties for protection to which no man could be deaf, to which no Chief Magistrate would dare be indifferent. These appeals he did not make. He only acted when they had passed. They did not concern the ambition of candidates; they concerned the lives, the homes, and the property of men, women, and children who had never been false to their flag, and who, under the shadow of that flag, were hunted down as if they were wild beasts. These supplications summoned the Chief Magistrate to his feet; they summoned him to bestir himself, to inquire, to find out, to see to it that he kept the oath, sworn before the American people, which binds him to see that the laws are faithfully executed.

One of these warnings had reached him but three days before. It came from one who for twenty years had been a resident of Shreveport, for twenty-eight years a resident of the South. It came from a judicial officer, not appointed by the President, but appointed by the court; an officer who stated that he had read every word of his communication to the General commanding the department, and that the General confirmed it all. I will read some passages of this communication; it is dated Dec. 16, 1874:

"It is scarcely too much to say that the white voters of each parish north of Red River constituted an armed conspiracy, with the scarcely disguised purpose of carrying the election at all events—by threats, intimidation, and fraud, if possible, and by violence if necessary, all of which, first and last, were used freely.

The object was to expel from the country the Republican leaders, and then to frighten the negroes into acquiescence with their wishes; and this scheme was pursued to the end, with this modification, that after the arrival of troops the expelled leaders returned to Shreveport as a sort of Provisional Government, and did not dare to mingle freely with the people or to express publicly their sentiments.

The whites in all this portion of the State were united upon this programme almost to a man. This unanimity did not result all from choice, but so formidable had the organization become by the time that even those who disapproved no longer dared to resist, even passively, and took shelter in the white party.

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The Coushatta affair, occurring in the last days of July, and in the guilt of which we believe from our present knowledge not less than 200 whites participated, more or less proximately, seemed to serve them as an incentive to closer union and more rigorous action. A very large number, scattered up and down the river from Shreveport to Natchitoches, seeking immunity from their guilt in the destruction of all law and public order, redoubled their efforts to terrorize the blacks and to annihilate all opposition.

Perhaps I cannot give you in few words a better idea of the ascendant arrogance and intolerance of the white leaders than to say that the Shreveport *Times* newspaper—the leading exponent of the principles of the party in the State—boldly and unqualifiedly justified the Coushatta assassination on the sole ground of political necessity.

The orators of the party did substantially the same thing during the canvass, and the less prudent spoke of it to this day as a good thing. Even Gov. McEnery, in a speech in this place, as I am well informed, openly advocated the lynching of one of the Republican leaders residing here, and a man of good character.

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The whites are now driving the freedmen from their homes, naked and penniless, to endure the severities of Winter as best they may. This very evening, and since I commenced this letter, a colored man, of the most intelligent expression, comes in and tells me that last night about 9 o'clock his employer, a white man, (well known to me,) by force, (displaying a pistol and threatening to use it,) put him and his wife and help—two less children out of their house to spend the night, as best they might, in the public highway, which they did under the open canopy of heaven; and what may be put down as a special aggravation of the offense is, that two of the children were ill and taking medicine, and one of them was so ill that it was not expected to survive. These people (turned out) *were partners in the crop on which they had raised on the land of the man who turned them out, and the crop had not yet been divided, and is all in the possession of the land-owner who turned them out.* This man had voted the Republican ticket at the late election.

This is only one case in many coming to my knowledge daily. A few days ago complaint was made before me against seven white men in the adjoining parish of De Soto, charging them with conspiring to plunder, rob, and murder one poor defenseless old negro by the name of John Allston, and an extensive and full inquiry into the matter revealed the fact that the charge was laid for their (in fact not the) benefit

peace' on the part of the 101 members of the Legislature convened."

There is a statement of a great many things that might have been. The difficulty is that none of these things were. Kellogg, it turns out, was not deceived, or the Kellogg party, as to their numbers. They were not outwitted by defection. It is true that bribery, rank and brazen, was attempted, as is stated to us by Michael Hahn and fifty-one other members of the Legislature. It is true that money by thousands was offered to Republican members in order that it might be fulfilled that there was defection in the Kellogg ranks. But the bribes were spurned; and the men to whom they were offered stood true. It was not domestic violence—well, "domestic violence" is not the chief question—and, says the Senator in effect, Wiltz and the 102 were peaceable. Yes, they were peaceably conspiring to accomplees with five intruders; and with them they trampled law and right and peace under foot; but

"Their ways were ways of pleasantness, and all their paths were peace."

Again, what shadow of right had Wiltz and his confederates to assault and detain by force, and menace with deadly weapons, members who chose to leave the room? Was it not a bold breach of the peace and a breach of privilege? The honorable Senator from Ohio said yesterday that he would put a question to me. I put to him as a lawyer, as one who reveres the profession he adorns, the question whether it was not a breach of the peace, a violent infraction of law, by main force, even without deadly weapons, to imprison and restrain men who chose to rise, being members, and move from their seats beyond the limits of the room in which they were held? I know that a legislative "house" by order may compel the attendance of its members; but there there was no house. The "house" may compel the attendance of its members. Here there was no house, says the Senator from Ohio; and it was with vigor enough to call the yeas and nays. No order had been made to send for members; and yet badged Fillers, brandishing knives and pistols, *vi et armis*, in the language of the law, lay hold of members of the Legislature, make them captives, and by terror and physical duress compel them to submit.

Still further, was it not riotous, by turbulence and brick, by trampling law under foot, by introducing men not returned, by armed janissaries, by violence and deadly weapons, to prevent a lawful assembly, whether of a court, a legislature, or a common council, from organizing as the law required?

Let me complete the recital of facts.

HOW THE SOLDIERS CAME TO BE CALLED IN.

Wiltz, an ex-Mayor, who might be supposed by De Trobriand and the two privates who afterward attended him, to know the duty of soldiers to act as a peace posse, on motion adopted by the body, appointed a committee to wait on the military and request their intervention. Here I quote from the memorial sent here by fifty-two members of the Legislature, including Michael Hahn, with whom my friend from Ohio [Mr. Sherman] and I served in the House of Representatives, and we know him to be a man of candor and respectability:

"About the time of the withdrawal of the Republican members of the house, Mr. Wiltz gave or caused instructions to be given to the persons assuming to be Sergeants at Arms not to allow any one to pass out of or to enter the house. Great commotion at once ensued, and quite a number of knives and revolvers were drawn and displayed in a threatening manner. Most of the Republican members had already left the room, with great confusion, when Mr. Dupre, of New-Orleans, (democratic member,) moved that the Speaker be requested to call on the United States troops to preserve the peace of the house. The motion prevailed, and a committee, of which Mr. Dupre was appointed Chairman, was appointed to wait on Gen. De Trobriand, and request the interference of the United States troops to preserve the peace. In a short time the committee returned, accompanied by Gen. De Trobriand and staff. Upon the appearance of Gen. De Trobriand on the floor, loud applause came from the Democratic side of the house."

They called, I say, upon the troops of the United States, and requested their intervention. With this committee of five men as ushers to bow them, De Trobriand and his staff entered the legislative hall, and the hall rang with Democratic acclamations. Wiltz avowed the dependence of himself and his followers on military aid, and protested their inability to maintain themselves or maintain peace, and requested the General to quell the disturbers, including the Police. Here I refer to page 2 of the memorial sent up by the "Conservative" members—that is, the Democrats:

"In the meanwhile, during the proceedings in the House, an additional number of Police, with a crowd of disorderly persons, entered the lobby and engaged in menacing altercation with the Sergeant at Arms and his ten assistants. Finding that the Sergeants at Arms were contending with the mob, the Speaker endeavored to procure the attendance of additional Sergeants at Arms. About 4 o'clock P. M. the disturbance in the lobby grew serious and a conflict was imminent."

This memorial establishes out of the mouth of the Democrats that turbulence occurred between the Police and other persons, and a violent outbreak was imminent. This Gen. De Trobriand quelled by speaking to those who knew and felt his power to enforce his words, and then the man holding the Speaker's chair by fraud and usurpation, and standing on broken laws, in the name of Louisiana laid his thanks at the feet of an officer in uniform, and the fullness thereof with his sword by his side, which seems so profoundly to have impressed the honorable Senator from Missouri, [Mr. Schurz.]

When this was over, speaking in the presence of this body which could not call the yeas and nays, which had not vigor enough for that, but which had vigor enough to defy and trample upon the laws and the Constitution of Louisiana—this usurping Speaker told De Trobriand that he thanked him because he had prevented bloodshed which was imminent. On this point I refer to page 4 of the memorial of Michael Hahn and his fifty-one colleagues:

"Gen. De Trobriand, in substance, (the committee being unable to get the exact words,) asked Mr. Wiltz whether it was not possible for him to preserve order and keep the house without calling upon him as a United States officer. Mr. Wiltz replied that it was impossible; that he had already instructed his Sergeant at Arms to do so. Gen. De Trobriand then took action in the matter, and quiet was restored with little trouble. Mr. Wiltz then assured Gen. De Trobriand that his coming had prevented bloodshed, and, as your committee is reliably informed, on motion, thanked him in the name of the General Assembly of Louisiana for his prompt response to the summons of the House, and the General retired."

Meanwhile, a majority of the legal members, fifty-two in number, when they could gain their freedom, repaired to the Governor, and by written petition informed him that fraud and violence had taken possession of the hall, and called on him as the Chief Magistrate of the State to put them in possession and cause lawless intruders to desist. Thus notified and thus summoned, the Governor requested and, and the men he asked were soldiers. These men, to the number of three, went into the hall, and doing no violence, insisted that five men who had right to vote or to prevent an organization should take their places among the spectators. Gen. De Trobriand also insisted that fifty-two members of the House, whose election the Senator from Ohio does not deny, fifty-two members who stood inscribed upon the roll, should be permitted to re-enter the hall of legislation. Why did Gen. De Trobriand include that among his acts? Because, by the order of Wiltz, abetted by the men over whom he presided, including the intruders, the armed janissaries with gilded lapels shut the doors in the face of these fifty-two members when they sought to come in. Thus the majority were kept out by force, and it was De Trobriand who alone had the potency to compel the doors to be opened.

The honorable Senator from Ohio, with that naive and picturesque smile which sometimes lights up his face, turns, I see, to a friend as if he deemed this statement a romance. I beg to refer him to page 5 of the memorial of Michael Hahn and others, where he may read:

"When the members returned to the hall, following Gen. De Trobriand, at his request and under his protection, and attempted to follow him through the door, the Sergeant at Arms at the door, at the order of Mr. Wiltz, closed the door in their faces and forcibly prevented them from entering; and they were not allowed to enter until the attention of Gen. De Trobriand was called to the fact; and at his order the Republican members were admitted."

THE CONSERVATIVES RETIRED ONLY WHEN THEY FOUND THEIR PLOT HAD FAILED.

The five intruders were caused to take places among the bystanders. The honorable Senator talked about "the lobby." Prav what does he understand "the lobby" to have been? The room was all one room, as this is. The lobby was that place upon which the Senator's hand would rest were he so to allow it to hang from the back of his chair. Nothing separated the lobby from the body of the hall but a frail railing; not such a one as stood here once, and which on the motion of the honorable Senator is now removed, because his constituents hung upon it and talked so loud as to divert him from his Senatorial meditations; not so firm a barrier as that, but as I am told by a Senator familiar with it, a frail, low railing making only a visible line of demarkation between one part and another part of one and the same room. I have read somewhere that these intruders were cast into the streets. No, Mr. President, they were retired, as my friend before me would retire if, in place of sitting where he does, he were to sit upon one of the sofas sometimes allotted to the most honored guests of the Senate.

This done, all members stood again where the law found them at first; a lawful organization could have been effected at once, but the vote would stand 52 to 50. There was the rub. In view of this fact, the fifty who had just been first the jailers of their colleagues, and then had shut them out, would not vote, would not stay while others voted, and so they went out; of course to break up a quorum and frustrate the law. But it was all peaceable revolution.

This is by no means the whole history even of that day. The Senate of Louisiana was in existence, an organized body confessedly legal. It held over from the previous year, and all its officers were chosen and installed. It was ready to proceed to business. It was its duty to meet at the same hour with the House. It was the duty of all its members to be present. But every Democratic Senator absented himself—what for? Before the hour of meeting, and again after the Democrats of the House withdrew, the Democrats of the Senate and of the House, were all in caucus together,—an odd proceeding considering the surroundings, and considering that there was no lawful joint work to do. Some of the accounts inform us that these Senators were privately assembled in a room near by while their associates were campaigning in the House, and that two hook and ladder companies, with scaling apparatus, were among the appliances of legislation provided by these peaceably assembled and now indignant "representatives of a sovereign State!" The President says he is credibly informed that these proceedings were part of a premeditated plan to wrest the State Government from those who held it. Eye and ear witnesses relate that it was admitted while the scene was passing, that the Democratic minority of State Senators intended to organize a seceded Senate, and join the minority-usurped House in recognizing as State officers the men who only three months before had led a bloody revolution in which many men had been shot down like dogs—i. revolution waged under a proclamation issued by Penn, who had been the candidate for Lieutenant Governor on the Democratic ticket.

This conglomerated plot, this wretched conspiracy, set on foot by men whose very existence testifies to the laxity of law, is justified as a lawful and sacred proceeding. The honorable Senator from Ohio makes the acquisitions of a long life pay tribute to an effort to envelop it in a daze and glamour in which its ugly features may be hidden.

WHAT WAS THE LAWFUL AUTHORITY TO INTERFERE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

To what lawful interference and authority is such an affair subject? That is the question now presented to us.

We are asked to believe that such tumult and such disorder in any case, however clear or forcible, is above and beyond the power which may lay hands on all other disorders. The place being a legislative hall, and the men duly returned being among the actors, law-breakers are secure from touch. They stand on holy ground. There, the feet of magistrates may not tread; there, a posse may not go; there, violence is in its sanctuary. The legal argument arises to this, because an attempt to meet the case by all the particulars of fact which exactly measured its degree, involves minute examination of details beyond our reach. The question is one of jurisdiction. The jurisdictional elements are said to be the place and the official character of those concerned. The actors being in part members of a Legislature, and the matter in hand being the organization of a Legislature in a legislative hall, it is insisted that disorder is not, like disorder elsewhere, subject to discipline and restraint.

Orderly or disorderly, peaceable or riotous, such persons in such a place are "a law unto themselves." If knives and pistols are brandished, if men are imprisoned or assaulted, if physical duress is resorted to, if a majority is overthrown by fraud, by noise, by agility, by stratagem; in short, if law be openly trampled under foot, still the proceeding is beyond the reach of external authority. The Chief Magistrate of the State—a civil magistrate, cannot touch it; no one can touch it. The Governor and citizens must stand by and play the part of spectators at a dog-fight, and the upper dog and the under dog must tear each other until they fight it out. If right and peace and law go down in the grapple, and the conflict spread, still the sworn guardians of the peace must look on impartially like judges at a horse-race, or umpires at a prize-fight.

Mr. President, I do not believe this is good morals, good law, good sense, or civilized reason. In discussing such a position, I dismiss the contested facts of a particular case. The question, I repeat, is one of jurisdiction, of right in the Chief Magistrate of a State, present at the locality, to interfere and suppress disorder in a Legislative hall, during an attempt to organize. The honorable Senator from Maryland [Mr. Hamilton] puts an unreal case adroitly thus:

"By what authority, I would ask that Senator, was the Governor to aid in the organization of the Legislature any more than that soldiery he called upon and who did it? What, Sir, has it come to this, I again ask that honorable Senator, that the Governor of a State has a right to organize a Legislature, or to aid in the organization of a Legislature?"

With a statement so perversely ingenious, it is hard to take issue. No one contends that a Governor may organize or aid in organizing a Legislature. To so state the question is to use words to pervert ideas. The Governor of a State has nothing to do with opening a court, with consecrating a bishop, with dedicating a church, with burying the dead; but if turbulence break out in a church, at a sepulchre, or in a court or justice, any civil magistrate has as much power to reduce it as if it broke out on a race-course, in a play-house, or at skating-rink. The civil authorities in free Switzerland have nothing to do with baptizing children; but the other day when children were baptized in Geneva and turbulence broke out, not only the civil authorities, but the military authorities, laid heavy hand upon it. In all these cases, the right of the civil Magistrate must hinge, not upon the place, not on the consequence of the personages guilty, but on the breach of the peace. A court is a temple of justice and of regulated liberty; so is a Legislature; both are public places. If peace reigns there, it is the public peace. If violence seizes upon them, the public peace is broken. A State prison is a public place. The State prison there spoke from Lincoln, in Nebraska, a public building of that State. A dispatch of the 11th of January, published in the Chicago *Tribune*, informs us that the convicts there refused to submit; disorder broke out; and, adds the dispatch, "Gov. Furness has telegraphed to Omaha for United States troops, and fifty soldiers are on the way." These soldiers were not present at Lincoln. The Governor was not present. He could not act on view. No call had been made upon the President of the United States. There was no "domestic violence," in the language of the Senator from Delaware. The troops were not on the spot "to act as police," as Democratic newspapers have just discovered that De Trobriand and his staff acted, on the call of the usurping Speaker. They were summoned from a distance of seventy miles in military array.

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I will answer the Senator. Gov. Furness in my opinion had no power to summon troops to reduce a tumult merely because the *locus* was a prison, rather than a palace or a Bridge of Sighs. No, Sir, the fact that those concerned were convicts, did not enlarge the authority of the Governor to appeal to military force. Gov. Furness had no more right to summon soldiers to one scene of a breach of the peace than to another. This is evidently the opinion of the Senator from Ohio also. The right of Gov. Kellogg to appeal to soldiers to quell a riotous tubulence in a legislative hall, stands on the same ground as the right of Gov. Furness to make the same appeal in respect of disorder in a prison. There is no legal distinction between the two cases.

Now, having answered the Senator, I have a question for him. Where has the Senator's constitutional sword been slumbering all the time since troops on the United States ousted the State authorities of Nebraska, and with their bayonets thrust down disturbers of the peace? We have heard no flourish of constitutional trumpets—not a note even from the coryphaeus of the band. There has not even been any curdling of blood, nor one faint spasm of constitutional virtue. A Governor, of his own mere motion, with nothing for his messenger, ousts the troops of the United States to proceed seventy miles from their post and make one of the buildings of a "sovereign State" the theatre of the submission they forcibly compelled, and not a resolution of inquiry is offered, not a word of disapproval is spoken by the disciplinarians of State rights with the Constitution—the champions of State rights. Why is this? Convicts cannot vote. Convicts are poor material to make favorite or fashionable martyrs of. It would be hard to fire the public heart for them, albeit their case is the same in the sight of the Constitution. Hit them again—they have no friends; save sympathy and pity, no one to interpose between them and the law daring to be punished—waste no words on vermin, who, all told, could not carry one primary election.

Mr. President, if there be a spot in any State, be it palace or hovel, exempt from visitation when a crime or breach of the peace occurs there, it is a spot not marked on the map, or so hidden or fenced about with physical barriers as to be inaccessible to ministers of law. The Capitol building in a capital city is not such a place.

It is argued on a separate ground that acts such as are reported from New-Orleans are not amenable to municipal law, because done pending the process of organizing a legislative body. To be sure, the statutes of Louisiana were defied; but for this the Senator from Maryland [Mr. Hamilton] makes curt apology. His defense, if not logical, is all the logic can make. He dispenses with the statutes altogether; he says the law was not binding, and might be defied. Why? Because it had been enacted; because it stood unrepealed and unchallenged! This is odd, but it is the Senator's reasoning. It made, he says, by a previous Legislature. Of course, it could not have been made by a future Legislature. The argument, therefore, is, that because it was the law, it was not the law! The Senator says:

*"If the organic law, which is supreme, prescribes a mode, that mode must be observed, but nothing besides. * * * Just here, barring its sup ere the honorable Senator from Louisiana, [Mr. West,] who stated that the Governor's legislative enactment prescribing how a future Legislature should be organized, it could not be legally organized unless it followed the forms thus prescribed. I deny the legal conclusion that the Senator would attribute to any such legislative enactment. Such enactments, for precaution's sake, may be passed as tending to preserve order, but they can have no legal binding power upon an incoming Legislature."*

THE UNLAWFULNESS OF THE VIOLENT ORGANIZATION BY THE CONSERVATIVES.

This is the gospel of peace preached by the law-abiding Senator from Maryland in behalf of the lamb-like complainants whose champion he is. He does not contend for the right of a Legislature to repeal the acts of its predecessor. In this, as a general truth, all would agree. He does not content himself with insisting that one house may resist and undo what both houses, and the whole law-making power, have done. This would be violent and revolutionary, but still it would fall short of his need. The stress of his case pushes him yet further, and he asserts that a minority of members may, before the body is organized, before it has power to call the yeas and nays, according to the Senator from Ohio, before it is a "house," defy and disregard the statute laws of the State. Even this enormous pretension was too small for the occasion. The Constitution of Louisiana remitted to the statute law the mode of settling contested seats, and ordained that the yeas and nays should be entered on the journal at the call of two members *upon any question*. This, too, was trodden under foot; and all this wrong piled on wrong is justified and glorified.

Mr. President, I ask the attention of the Senate to a high authority touching the position, the power, and the relations held by the Clerk of the old House on the 4th of January, to show the nullity of the trick by which an unauthorized person usurped the province of propounding questions, and unlawful questions, to the body. Here is the report of a famous case, the case of the Commonwealth *vs.* Green and others, heard and decided in Pennsylvania in 1839. It was a *quo warranto* to test the right of Ashbel Green and others to certain offices to which they had been elected by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. My honorable friend from Ohio, though somewhat mixed about cruses of oil, and other leading cases reported in the Scriptures, will have some respect for this case, because Andrew Jackson, whom he venerates, was so moved by the dissensions it treats of, that when asked what troubled him most, Gen. Jackson answered, "The divisions in the Presbyterian Church!"

The war of religion have been among the best fought and most astutely contested—so have the litigations of religion. This case is an example. It was tried and argued by some of the ablest men of their time, and they gave it their best endeavors:

The questions involved were first tried before a jury. They were carried up and decided by the court in banc, when the court in banc had at its head Chief Justice Gibson, *clarum et venerabile nomen*.

This case (4 Wharton, page 531) holds: That the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church was not a corporation, or a quasi corporation, and was not subject to the visitorial powers of the Court of Chancery; but that it was vested with the attributes of legislation. Lord Coke said that no simile holds good in everything. A still older authority says: "No simile runs on all fours." But the Senate will see between the occurrence in Louisiana and the doings here reviewed a striking similitude. I read from page 390:

"The Moderator, or in case of his absence another member appointed for the purpose, opens the next meeting! * * he is directed to hold "the chair until a new Moderator be chosen."

I ask you to observe that the statute of Louisiana is more explicit than the language I now read, because here the provision does not contain the words "and qualified." But the Moderator of the previous session is to hold the office until a new Moderator is chosen. Now I read the occurrence out of which the contest arose:

"Mr. Cleaveland then moved that Dr. Beman, of the Presbytery of Troy, be Moderator, or, as some of the witnesses say, that he take the chair—"

Just as there has been a little doubt whether in the Louisiana affair the motion was for temporary Chairman or for Speaker:

"The motion being seconded, the question was put by Mr. Cleaveland, and was carried, as the witnesses for the relators say, by a large majority, and by this they mean that a large majority of voices voted in the affirmative. The question was reversed, and, as the same witnesses say, there were some voices coming from the south-west corner of the church who voted in the negative. This is denied by the respondents.

Dr. Beman, who was sitting in a pew, the locality of which has been described to you—"

I read from the charge of the Judge:

"stepped into the aisle and called the house to order. A motion was then made that Dr. Mason and Mr. Gilbert be appointed Clerks. There being no others put in nomination, the question was put by the Moderator, Dr. Beman, in the affirmative and negative, and there was a majority of voices in their favor.

Dr. Beman then stated that the next business in order was the election of a Moderator. A member nominated Dr. Fisher, and no other person being in nomination the question was put, affirmatively and negatively, and Dr. Fisher was elected by a large majority of voices. There was no negative votes on this nomination; several of the witnesses say he was unanimously elected. Dr. Beman then announced the election of Dr. Fisher as Moderator, and said he should govern himself by the rules which might be hereafter adopted."

The case hinged on the validity or nullity of these proceedings, which are but the "counterfeit presentment" of what happened in New-Orleans.

The Judge charged the jury, among other things, in these words:

"It is the opinion of the court that a member, although not an officer, is entitled to put a question to the House under such circumstances."

The Senate will observe that the Judge charged the jury, in substance, that it was lawful to supersede the Moderator who held over, and that another person might put a question, and that the vote on that question laid a foundation for an ad interim organization. But what said the court *in banc*, speaking through Chief Justice Gibson?

"To all questions *put by the established organ*, it is the duty of every member to respond, or be counted with the greater number, because he is supposed to have assented beforehand *to the process pre-established to ascertain the general will*; and the general will so ascertained is certainly inapplicable to a measure which, *when justifiable even by extreme necessity, is essentially revolutionary and based on no pre-established process of ascertainment whatever.*

To apply it to an extreme case of inorganic action, as was done here, *might work the degradation of any presiding officer in our legislative halls.*

For this reason the claim of a Moderator to supplant the officer in the chair, even if he were removable at the pleasure of the Commissioners, would seem to have been unconstitutional.

But he was not removable by them, because he had not derived his office from them, nor was he answerable to them for the use of his power. He was not *their* Moderator. *He was the mechanical instrument of their organization, and till that was accomplished they were not yet to a his power.* * * * He could not act on view. No call had been made upon the President of the United States. There was no "domestic violence," in the language of the Senator from Delaware. The troops were not on the spot "to act as police," as Democratic newspapers have just discovered that De Trobriand and his staff acted, on the call of the usurping Speaker. They were summoned from a distance of seventy miles in military array.

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The war of religion have been among the best fought and most astutely contested—so have the litigations of religion. This case is an example. It was tried and argued by some of the ablest men of their time, and they gave it their best endeavors:

The questions involved were first tried before a jury. They were carried up and decided by the court in banc, when the court in banc had at its head Chief Justice Gibson, *clarum et venerabile nomen*.

This case (4 Wharton, page 531) holds: That the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church was not a corporation, or a quasi corporation, and was not subject to the visitorial powers of the Court of Chancery; but that it was vested with the attributes of legislation. Lord Coke said that no simile holds good in everything. A still older authority says: "No simile runs on all fours." But the Senate will see between the occurrence in Louisiana and the doings here reviewed a striking similitude. I read from page 390:

"The Moderator, or in case of his absence another member appointed for the purpose, opens the next meeting! * * he is directed to hold "the chair until a new Moderator be chosen."

I ask you to observe that the statute of Louisiana is more explicit than the language I now read, because here the provision does not contain the words "and qualified." But the Moderator of the previous session is to hold the office until a new Moderator is chosen. Now I read the occurrence out of which the contest arose:

"Mr. Cleaveland then moved that Dr. Beman, of the Presbytery of Troy, be Moderator, or, as some of the witnesses say, that he take the chair—"

Just as there has been a little doubt whether in the Louisiana affair the motion was for temporary Chairman or for Speaker:

"The motion being seconded, the question was put by Mr. Cleaveland, and was carried, as the witnesses for the relators say, by a large majority, and by this they mean that a large majority of voices voted in the affirmative. The question was reversed, and, as the same witnesses say, there were some voices coming from the south-west corner of the church who voted in the negative. This is denied by the respondents.

Dr. Beman, who was sitting in a pew, the locality of which has been described to you—"

I read from the charge of the Judge:

"stepped into the aisle and called the house to order. A motion was then made that Dr. Mason and Mr. Gilbert be appointed Clerks. There being no others put in nomination, the question was put by the Moderator, Dr. Beman, in the affirmative and negative, and there was a majority of voices in their favor.

Dr. Beman then stated that the next business in order was the election of a Moderator. A member nominated Dr. Fisher, and no other person being in nomination the question was put, affirmatively and negatively, and Dr. Fisher was elected by a large majority of voices. There was no negative votes on this nomination; several of the witnesses say he was unanimously elected. Dr. Beman then announced the election of Dr. Fisher as Moderator, and said he should govern himself by the rules which might be hereafter adopted."

The case hinged on the validity or nullity of these proceedings, which are but the "counterfeit presentment" of what happened in New-Orleans.

The Judge charged the jury, among other things, in these words:

"It is the opinion of the court that a member, although not an officer, is entitled to put a question to the House under such circumstances."

The Senate will observe that the Judge charged the jury, in substance, that it was lawful to supersede the Moderator who held over, and that another person might put a question, and that the vote on that question laid a foundation for an ad interim organization. But what said the court *in banc*, speaking through Chief Justice Gibson?

"To all questions *put by the established organ*, it is the duty of every member to respond, or be counted with the greater number, because he is supposed to have assented beforehand *to the process pre-established to ascertain the general will*; and the general will so ascertained is certainly inapplicable to a measure which, *when justifiable even by extreme necessity, is essentially revolutionary and based on no pre-established process of ascertainment whatever.*

To apply it to an extreme case of inorganic action, as was done here, *might work the degradation of any presiding officer in our legislative halls.*

For this reason the claim of a Moderator to supplant the officer in the chair, even if he were removable at the pleasure of the Commissioners, would seem to have been unconstitutional.

But he was not removable by them, because he had not derived his office from them, nor was he answerable to them for the use of his power. He was not *their* Moderator. *He was the mechanical instrument of their organization, and till that was accomplished they were not yet to act for the electors.* * * * He could not act on view. No call had been made upon the President of the United States. There was no "domestic violence," in the language of the Senator from Delaware. The troops were not on the spot "to act as police," as Democratic newspapers have just discovered that De Trobriand and his staff acted, on the call of the usurping Speaker. They were summoned from a distance of seventy miles in military array.

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"Yet if a number of persons, having come to the theatre with a predetermined purpose of interrupting the performance, for this purpose make a great noise and disturbance, so as to render the actors entirely inaudible, though without offering personal violence to any individual, or doing any injury to the house, they are, in point of law, guilty of a riot."

Mansfield says:

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[At this point the honorable Senator yielded to a motion for adjournment.]

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We cannot see any special advantage to be gained from the further consideration by the House Committee of TOM SCOTT'S absurd subsidy scheme. The time thus consumed might be devoted to better uses. The Senate is fully committed, not only against this particular "grab," but against the entire class of which this is a conspicuous specimen. That was made evident by the defeat of the Oregon subsidy last week. The "National Grange," we perceive, has also been bolstering SCOTT'S job. It might have saved itself the trouble, and, we may add, the discredit. If the Grangers expect to do the farming interest any good, it will not be by helping to saddle the country with costly speculations like the Texas Pacific Railroad.

A correspondent writes to us on the question of the proposal recently submitted to the Government on the part of the Union Pacific Railroad Company. Concerning the relations between the Government and the company, or between the shareholders and the Directors, we cannot express any opinion. But it seems clear that the proposed arrangement is not so one-sided as our correspondent is disposed to consider it. If the Government and the public would gain by it—as it seems probable that they would—surely the company would also gain in being released from doubtful litigation and disturbing claims. These, however, are points which we must leave the interested parties to settle among them. It appears to be desirable, on many grounds, that a good understanding should exist between the Government and the company. A large amount of national wealth has been invested in the enterprise in various ways; and it is not seemly to have the company settling its affairs with the Government by means of law-suits. Whether the present proposal is strictly equitable or not, the Secretary of the Treasury is more competent to decide than we are; but if he can properly get rid of litigation and disputes, it seems well worth while that he should do so.

The Catholics have begun a new and vigorous campaign among the colored people in the South, with the intention of making proselytes. They are reported to be establishing missions and schools in many of the States expressly for the blacks, and are devoting especial attention to the leaders, endeavoring to persuade them that if the Southern Protestants maintain caste in their churches and in their theological seminaries, it will be for the interest of the negroes to go over en masse to the Catholic Church. We have as yet no accounts of any marked success attendant on the missionary labors of the priests, and it is probable that the negroes will give them but little encouragement, as they escape being classed as inferiors in white church congregations by leaving them and banding together in their own. Northern Protestants, moreover, are rapidly providing them with as many theological schools as they demand.

In the death of MR. SAMUEL HOOPER, of Massachusetts, the country loses one of the few remaining "gentlemen of the old school" who were equally prominent in commerce and public affairs. In Boston, where solidity and permanence characterize mercantile and social institutions, he was reckoned with those merchant princes whose names have been synonyms throughout the world for business probity, honor, and enterprise. He was a successful man of affairs, a capable legislator, and a wise and public-spirited citizen. Entering Congress at the beginning of LINCOLN'S Administration, he brought his large abilities and experience into the service of the country when these were most needed. A sound financier, as well as an unwavering patriot, he was honored by the friendship of LINCOLN and CHASE; and when, in the stormiest times, he rose in the House to discuss measures to provide ways and means for the support of the Government in its struggle, he always commanded respectful attention. Massachusetts has given many great men to the nation; but none has been in his place more useful than the eminent citizen whose death has just been recorded.

SENATOR CONKLING ON LOUISIANA.

We publish to-day a full report of Senator CONKLING'S speech on the events which occurred at the beginning of last month in New-Orleans. Since the day on which we received the first news of DE TROBRIAND'S appearance in the Legislature, many important facts have come to light. It is quite clear that the Democrats were not quite the ill-used persons which they first reported themselves to be. They had not the slightest objection to "military interference" when they found it useful to themselves. Their solicitude for the Constitution and for their rights began at the precise moment when they discovered that Gen. DE TROBRIAND—himself a Democrat—wished to repair the mistake he had committed at the expense of the Republicans. If he or his commanding officers could have been induced to sanction the proceedings under which the Republican majority was practically stifled, we should have heard no complaint from the Democratic Party. That much must now be obvious to every man in the country.

Senator CONKLING, however, does not by any means confine himself to the consideration of this point. He enters with great care into the discussion of all the circumstances attending the scene in the Legislature, and brings forward some facts which will be new to the public, in relation to many antecedent circumstances. He states, for instance, evidently on information derived from official sources, that the proceedings of WILTZ and his political friends formed only a part of an organized conspiracy to deprive the Republicans of all power in the State. Of course, we cannot express any opinion on this statement, because we have not access to all the papers which alone could enable us to test it. But Senator CONKLING is not in the habit of making idle assertions, and it is only reasonable to suppose that he would make quite certain that the credibility of his narrative was not likely to be overthrown by any part of it being shown to be inaccurate. His habits as a lawyer would naturally lead him to be very sure about all his facts. Moreover, Senator CONKLING proves beyond all doubt that the Democrats themselves have over and over again justified the employment of United States officers or soldiers in cases where the preservation of order was demanded. The instances cited by the Senator are very remarkable, and they deserve to be carefully considered by our readers. It will be seen that in this part of his speech, Mr. CONKLING contrived to deliver several home thrusts at the Democrats, and Senator THURMAN especially suffered severely in the encounter. It is not surprising that we have heard very little from Mr. THURMAN about "bayonet government" and "military hirelings" since this speech was delivered. The Democrats have, in truth, cut a sorry figure in this discussion from beginning to end. Nothing was to be gained from deliberate misrepresentation on either side, for the truth was bound to come out in the end; and in the meantime there was no election pending. So that the usual motive for Democratic misrepresentation was lacking in this particular case.

Now that Mr. CONKLING has dealt successfully with the Democratic Party in its relation to this question, we should be glad to see him follow up his present speech with another on the general condition of Louisiana and the South, and on the best means of restoring the entire region to peace and prosperity. This is an end worthy of the highest ambition of any man; and the greatest statesman of the century has never been called upon to face a more difficult problem. Senator CONKLING touches upon it toward the close of his speech; but the speech itself was not directed to this particular subject, and therefore it makes no pretension to be exhaustive. The Southern people are recommended to go to work; but it must be remembered that they are laboring under the disadvantage of having little or no means to work with. The re-establishment of order is the first thing necessary to attract Northern or foreign capital to the Southern States, and in what way even that preliminary step to true "reconstruction" can be arrived at is not at all clear. Party differences will always create bitterness of feeling—they do so in New-York and Massachusetts no less than in South Carolina and Louisiana. They do not lead to conspiracies and revolutions in the former States, it is true, but then it must be borne in mind that these States have not recently had their Governments utterly changed and the former conditions of social life reversed. These elements in the problem must be taken into account. We are glad to find that Senator CONKLING avows an earnest desire to see the South once more take her position as a highly prosperous member of the Union. He declares that he would give his vote for any party or any measure which was certain to bring about that result. No one can doubt his sincerity, and it would be a great advantage to the whole country if he would apply his talents, and use his immense influence with his party, in the endeavor to effect a permanent pacification of the South. Surely no man could devote his life to a nobler or greater end. It can never be reached without the co-operation of the Republican Party. The Democrats cannot possibly lead us to it. The Republican Party alone can settle these dangerous questions, and there does not seem to be any man to-day in the Republican Party more influential than Senator CONKLING. He and the President together must be regarded as the heads of the party at this moment. If, then, Senator CONKLING would deal with the Southern difficulty with the same care and thought which he has bestowed on a local outbreak of it in New-Orleans, he could scarcely fail to make an important contribution to political history. We hope we may regard the speech which we print to-day as merely introductory to an address on the still greater question which lies behind the January troubles in New-Orleans.

LEGISLATING FOR CLAIM AGENTS.

In the Thirty-seventh Congress, while the House had under consideration the venerable claim of some person who had supplied beef to the Army, during an Indian war, OWEN LOVEJOY made a good hit. He recalled the picture of the Continental Army, starving and short of ammunition, during the darkest days of the Revolution, when a claim agent, with a similar demand, went roaring through the camps—"Beef! beef! beef!" The Revolutionary claim agent was a type of all that have come after him; he owned a demand which he bought "on a speculation," and he urged it in season and out of season. No matter what were the circumstances of the country, the Army, or the Treasury, to him there was but one object in view—beef. Last Saturday an obstacle furnished by the claim agents blocked the way of necessary legislation in the House. It is called a bill to equalize soldiers' bounties—a taking title, and one which the lobby can use with effectiveness. It may have a just principle for its basis; and we would not pretend now to say one word as to the motives of the framers of the bill. But we do know that the best authorities are of the opinion that its passage will take one hundred millions from the Treasury—when there is so much money there to be taken. Furthermore, it is well known that most, if not all, this money will go into the hands of claim agents. In fact, most of these claims which have money in them are owned by second or third parties. A plea was made the other day in favor of an Indian claim which called for the appropriation of a few millions to the Choctaws and Chickasaws. Members who ought to have known better grew eloquent over the wrongs of the poor Indians, and the shamelessness of breaking the national faith. It happened that the only Choctaws and Chickasaws who cut any figure in the case hung about the green baize doors of the hall of the House, or sat breathlessly watching the proceedings from the gallery. They were claim agents, in fine broadcloth and wearing diamond shirt-pins. So, when a proposition is made to take a slice from the Japanese indemnity fund and distribute it as prize-money, it would undoubtedly be found that, with few exceptions, the real sharers in the gift—if it should be made—would be speculators who have bought up the "claims" of men now scattered to the four winds.

One discouraging feature of these insolent demands is their pertinacity. The beef claim which so excited honest OWEN LOVEJOY'S ire was one of great antiquity; it was the legacy of an old Democratic Administration; but it had grown with years, each successive presentation of it showing a steady advance on past figures. One of these claims is like that brought by some disappointed spinster in damages for a breach of promise of marriage. She asks ten thousand dollars for blasted hopes and blighted affections, though she may at first have been willing to make it fifteen hundred. An original claim of a few hundred dollars is always increased one-hundred-fold when it goes before Congress, and if that session does not see it paid, it is expanded in like proportion at each successive rebuff. The explanation of this is that it gets out of the hands of first holders, who were ready to take a small percentage on their original claim. And the worst of it is that, sooner or later, it sneaks through Congress, and the speculators divide the spoil. In a moment when the dreaded watch-dogs of the Treasury relax their vigilance, the long-deferred bill is rushed through, and the patient waiting of many years is rewarded at last. A good haul is made from the Treasury; but the original claimant has long since lost all interest in the case that bears his name.

Of course, many of the claims which demand so much of the attention of Congress would never be heard of if the Government were more prompt in its payments. The very fact that these bills have not been paid, however, should cast a suspicion on their character. Not to speak of the vast cloud of claims growing out of the late civil war, the two Democratic Administrations just previous to that of LINCOLN were prolific in occasions for claims. The Mormon war, the Kansas raids, the Indian disturbances on the North-western frontier, and various other occurrences of that nature, may be said to have spawned a vast brood of claim agents. These men, with well-worn "vouchers" from Quartermasters, Indian agents, and politicians, have infested Congress like a perennial cloud of locusts. Bills having for their titles "For the relief of ——," or "To indemnify ——," hang on Congress as the noble army of camp-followers tag on the flanks of an invading army. The Court of Claims relieves Congress of some of the final responsibility for paying these demands. But a Congressional reference is often a *quasi* indorsement of a claim that should have been summarily kicked under the table on presentation. So well is this known that the lobbyists, when all else fails, ask desperately that they may be sent to the Court of Claims with their job. They have slight chances there, to be sure; but this is better than nothing; and nothing is exactly what they do not want. The amount of legislation done for claim agents may be partly estimated by a glance at the docket on a "private bill day." But the big jobs are tacked on to appropriation bills, or they are boldly put forth in independent propositions. To prepare and manipulate these requires the maintenance of a considerable force of men. Washington is full of claim agents. They are decayed Congressmen, retired clerks, and sharp lawyers. The departments are besieged by them; and Postmaster General JEWELL found it necessary to make war upon them immediately upon his entry into office. We do not know how he has succeeded in carrying out his plan to refuse payment to claims presented at second or third hands, but his fulmination on the whole subject of agents, attorneys, and assignments of claims had a good effect for a time. In Congress the case is quite different; good-natured members are found ready to present doubtful demands in the form of bills, and other good-natured Congressmen are quite as ready to vote for them. Valuable time is wasted, and the money, in a multitude of instances, is eventually voted for claims that have only a speculative value. Just now, while the country is absolutely suffering for prompt and intelligent legislation concerning the national finances, all demands on the Treasury, however speciously formed, should be rigorously put aside.

ANOTHER "COMMUNITY" SWINDLE.

It is not many months since the world was enlightened as to the aims and prospects of the "Dawn Valcour Community." Glowing accounts were published of a fertile island in the middle of Lake Champlain; and it was announced that this "earthly paradise" had been generously transferred to a community of persons whose advanced ideas of social reform would render them free from all the ills and embarrassments which more worldly society is heir to. "Valcour" was represented as worth an immense sum, and deluded enthusiasts in all parts of the country were led to believe that an investment in the island Arcadia was not only an imperative duty which they owed their souls, but a speculation which would result in increasing their fortunes. People who, after years of toil and privation, had succeeded in founding small homes in the West, sold them at great sacrifices, and hurried to the communistic estate, freely giving their small savings for the support of the new enterprise. Many persons who did not even know what the doctrines of the Valcourites were, but who had a vague idea that a charming existence, free from dull toil, and full of leisure for reveries and experiments, might be passed in the colony, came forward with alacrity and ready money. The island, upon examination, did not prove to be quite so enchanting or flowery as the more enthusiastic had fancied it; but it did not occur to any of the settlers that the whole affair was a swindle until they found themselves likely to be sold out to a mortgagee in the Spring, and turned adrift penniless. Winter showed them that the island was a desolate and dreary place, where it would be impossible to be happy under any circumstances; and they finally discovered that the supposed philanthropist, who was said to have generously given them Valcour Island, was nothing more than a clever speculator, who expected to get possession of their money, and who would remorselessly sacrifice them the moment that the enterprise did not pay to his satisfaction.

The swindled enthusiasts have had the courage to call an indignation meeting, and denounce the whole "community" transaction as a "stupendous fraud." But that does not give them back their homes and fortunes, madly sacrificed in pursuit of an absurd ideal. The natives around Valcour think it astonishing that any one should have been so willfully blind as not to find out that the project was a swindle, since those who organized it were publicly known as tricksters. When the madness was on the new-comers, however, it was of no use to offer them advice. Now they have to begin the world anew; and the speculators who originated the Valcour swindle will probably have many ruined lives to answer for.

A great many innocent folk, in their search after the "ideal life," come to their senses much later and get scorched more severely than the settlers at Valcour. The "Peculiar People" in England furnish an instance in point. These "Peculiar" ones were evicted from their singularly-constituted community by a legal process, whereupon, from that time, some months since, until now, they have remained homeless by the wayside, or have now and then taken shelter in barns offered them by pitying neighbors. They fancy that the profane agencies which dared to meddle with their community will be compelled by Divine interposition to do penance for it by re-establishing everything as it was. Some of them show signs of discouragement, and hint that unless the expected supernatural interference comes soon, they shall return to the homes and trades which they once solemnly abjured forever; but the majority are as fanatical as the East Indian dervishes, who persist in holding up their right arms for ten years at a time.

The passion for some strange and new social life—something utterly at variance with everything experienced before, and free from the usual restraints, is one of the most singular of the abnormal developments of the human mind. This passion takes a firm hold of thousands of people who are healthy, prosperous, seemingly happy, and who would never be suspected of sentimentalism. They have no occasion to hate society as ordinarily regulated, nor to fly from it because they fear that they cannot lead proper lives within its bounds. They are not actuated by any contempt for political tyranny, or by anything save morbid imaginings and desires which are not definitely expressed in their own minds, and which, in many cases, need only careful and insidious prompting to break out into license and abomination. They are always on the lookout for an apostle, or a leader, in the service of some new hair-brained scheme for rendering life more delightful, and they fall an easy prey to impostors. For those who owe the facility with which they are deceived to their ignorance, all honest people have a profound pity; but as to the conduct of those who lose their homes and fortunes in unsuccessful endeavors to found communities because they hope to make them nurseries of social disorganization, there can be but one verdict—"Served them right!" It is to be hoped that there are none of the latter class among the duped settlers at Valcour.

"SUPERNATURAL RELIGION."

The remarkable success of the recent anonymous work on *Supernatural Religion* among the cultivated classes of England shows how rife is the spirit of skepticism. The book contains nothing new in the old arguments of infidels, and in many of its positions is a mere transcript of the pleadings of the Tübingen school. BAUR has said the same things with reference to the Synoptic Gospels and the Gospel of John, and with a more profound scholarship, and has been answered again and again.

The attack on miracles is an echo of former arguments of the same kind. Nothing in these late skeptical objections can for a moment equal in acuteness and power HUME'S celebrated argument against miracles, addressed, too, to a generation full of the unbelief which followed the reign of the French encyclopedists and the outburst of the French Revolution. Far more then than now could it be said that the culture of the day was unbelieving or atheistical. To many, no doubt, at the beginning of this century it seemed, as it does now to many in England, that Christianity had had its day, and a new era of "Reason" was to begin.

But in the steady, onward flow of the Christian religion the doubts of the eighteenth century were mere eddies, and again, after a few years, all the best progress and highest aims of the world were included in this faith, and, at least in Anglo-Saxon countries, a new era of faith began. Germany, it is true, had its period of "Rationalism," but this has already finished its short course. The human mind must have a religion. Science or philosophy is not enough for it. If it reject Christianity, it will take up some superstition like "Spiritualism." At this day, despite all the powerful attacks leveled at it, the Christian faith stands stronger among all civilized nations than it did in the time of VOLTAIRE. And we may be confident that the practical mind of England, though it may wander temporarily in the mazes of unbelief, and after the objects seen in the mirage of skepticism, must return to the solid ground and sure path where so many generations have trodden with firm faith and abounding hope.

One of the especial points of *Supernatural Religion* is fortunately one that the common mind is competent to judge upon, as well as the learned. It is the threadbare argument against the authenticity of St. JOHN'S Gospel as testimony, because of the contrast in style, and the language and thought reported, to that of the other Evangelists. Now, if any one will imagine the kind of report which two utterly different witnesses would have given, say, of SHAKESPEARE'S life and sayings, had they known him personally, one can understand contrasts in the best contemporary testimony. The serious witness would have spoken of the profound morality, the deep sense of religion, and the awe before the contrast between time and eternity, in the great dramatist's nature. He would quote from his conversation words which showed a mind penetrating beneath the shows of all outward things, and filled with the sense of eternal principles. The gay companion would recall the brilliant fancy, the repartee, the rich enjoyment of things of time and sense. Each could quote words showing almost a different mental temperament, and yet each would be an honest witness and biographer. GREVILLE, in his journal, describes Mrs. SOMERVILLE as "a mincing, smirking woman, who talked nothings and nonsense." LA PLACE would have described her as a profound mathematician and skillful astronomer. We can imagine that different biographies of GOETHE might have been written had it been possible for CARLYLE and BOSWELL to have been his companions and biographers. The former would remember his profound and mystical sayings, the latter would recall his every-day utterances and his matter-of-fact doings and words. Yet both would be truthful chroniclers.

A conversation reported by CARLYLE and one related by BOSWELL would certainly be as different as the words quoted by JOHN and by MATTHEW. To the Christian believer it always seems that the author of JOHN'S Gospel penetrates deeper into the inner life and secret thoughts of the Saviour than the synoptical writers. They each give what is of untold value to the world. One, the every-day words and characteristic actions of their Master, so simply related that all men of all races, in whatever language, read the record with unfailing interest. The other, the mystical, poetic sayings, the deeper thoughts, the more spiritual aspirations, such as for ages since have inspired the leaders of religious thought and the most elevated souls. Each witness reported what most touched his nature. Each saw a different side of the wonderful Being. Each heard a different language from "the lips which spoke as never man spoke." And yet each witness was true. Each narrative is a correct biography. No doubt the mental peculiarities of each biographer colored the narrative of each. But that is unavoidable. They give us together as correct a picture of the most imposing life ever spent on earth as human language is capable of drawing. That the narratives should present points of difference and contrast is only another evidence of their naturalness. The author of *Supernatural Religion* must find a stronger argument before he can weaken the faith of this generation in the authenticity of the Gospels.

ITALIAN EMIGRATION.

From geographical reasons, as well as from the tendency of commercial interests, it may be inferred that Italy always took a more or less active part in emigration. The Eastern trade was for centuries a channel of wealth for Italian merchants, and must have offered them occasional inducements to seek their fortunes beyond the natural limits of the Peninsula. Another source from which this number of fortune-seekers probably derived some increase is to be found in the eminence which Italians have long sustained in several of the liberal and artistic professions. Premiums, such as are held out to special talents, cannot have failed to keep up a temporary outflow from certain ranks of the population. But as it affected very little the places whence it originated, as well as those to which it moved, there was not much attention paid to Italian emigration. It is only within a brief period that it assumed larger proportions, and that the Government thought it worth while to keep an official record and reliable tables of returns. The most important document on the subject was published about six months ago, by two gentlemen connected with the State Department and the Board of Official Statistics.

According to their returns, the number of Italians who are established in foreign parts is not much less than five hundred thousand. A little less than half of this number is found in Europe or on the coasts of the Mediterranean. The main stream of emigrants who cross the ocean is turned toward the southern shores of the American continent. Affinity of races, and a climate more like their own than is that of North America, probably are the motives of preference. Among the virgin lands which invite a spirit of foreign enterprise, those which form the rich basin of the Rio de la Plata are favorites. There are at this time not fewer than one hundred thousand inhabitants of Italian origin in the Argentine Republic. They follow various pursuits, and industriously develop the wealth of their adopted country. In Uruguay also they head the statistical tables of foreign emigration. These show that of a hundred immigrants, there are thirty-five Italians, twenty-seven Spaniards, fourteen Frenchmen, seven English, three Germans, and fourteen of various other nationalities.

If Italian emigrants are less numerous in Chili, Peru, Bolivia, and Venezuela, it is, perhaps, owing to local political complications, or to difficulties of access. When these are once removed, there is no doubt that those countries will draw a considerable portion of European emigration. They contain immense pastoral, agricultural, and mineral wealth. Their population is very much below what it ought to be, considering their area and resources, and the enterprising, industrious European is sure, sooner or later, to find there conditions of welfare and success such as the Old World does not afford.

The Government of Brazil, more liberal and progressive than any other in South America, has offered extraordinary inducements to foreign emigration. There is room there for millions, for its present population of about twelve millions gives only four inhabitants to the square mile. There is wealth, too, for millions, at a moderate expense of labor. But all the facilities, privileges and hopes held forth have yet failed to yield the desired results. Germans alone have begun to show themselves in respectable numbers, and Italians still prefer the banks of the Rio de la Plata to those of the Amazon.

As for the United States, they have up to a recent date been little thought of by Italian emigrants. It was in 1858 that the first important arrival was recorded. Since 1866 there has been an increase on previous returns, and, according to the nearest calculations, there are to-day about seventy thousand Italians in this country. California draws them more than any other State. The City of New-York contains about five thousand. A few only bring capital. Most of them belong to the working and uneducated classes. They find employment in the streets, on the wharves, on railroads, and are employed in various ways as laborers, journeymen, sweepers, plasterers, venders, organ-grinders and rag-pickers. Many come over without any resources whatever, allured by fallacious pictures and promises, and fleeced of the little they may have possessed by a set of scheming scoundrels. The Italian Government owed to its subjects the duty of protecting them against such deceptions, and we owe it to ourselves to protest against the importation and extension of pauperism. All men willing to work and be useful are welcome to our shores, but we do not mean them to be a place of refuge for the paupers or the criminals and outcasts of the Old World.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE UNION PACIFIC COMPANY.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I see that you are disposed to regard the offer of the Union Pacific Railroad, to create a sinking fund in favor of the Government, as a very fair one, I am, however, disposed to think that it is a little too "fair" to the Government, and not fair enough to the shareholders.

You must remember that this great road has been built and put in working order long before the time originally fixed. The company was not bound by its charter to complete it till 1875. The work of pressing forward its construction has cost the company more than the entire amount of the subsidy paid by the Government. Thus the Government has gained by saving immensely in cost of transportation, while we, the shareholders, have gained nothing directly—although, of course, I admit, that the permanent value of our property has been largely increased.

Its stock has risen from 25 to 40; a better class of persons are dealing in it—that is to say, permanent investors; and it is universally admitted to be one of the most valuable and promising properties in the country. All this I gladly concede but I still maintain that, so far, the Government has gained more by the early completion of the road than the stockholders. Again, I ask you to remember that the company has incurred another great expense in the improvement of its property, by raising the level of the road from two to five feet for a distance of about 750 miles. This has cost, I suppose, not less than $2,000,000. The object of the work was, of course, to prevent snow blockades; but it is obvious that a large sum has been withdrawn from our resources, and that in this matter also the Government, and not the shareholders, has been the gainer.

Can the company now afford to pay $500,000 a year to the Government, and a still larger sum—$750,000 a year—after a certain period? At present only one-half of the compensation for services rendered for the Government "need be applied to the payment of the bonds issued by the Government in aid of the construction of the said roads," such being the language of the act of amendment. In the opinion given by that eminent lawyer, the late Judge Curtis, it is shown conclusively that the Government cannot claim more than this. There may, indeed, be endless litigation on the question. But will that help the Government? Will it be fair or just to what is allowed on all hands to be a great national enterprise? The Government was very anxious to have the road completed during the war; and the road served its purpose then, and has done so ever since. Is it not a stretch of liberality on the part of the Directors at this moment to tax the resources of the company at the rate of half a million a year? The Government is on the right side. That gets its money by a saving in its expenses in the Post Office and War Departments alone. But from whence are our fair and reasonable profits to come?

As a shareholder, I venture to put that question to the Directors. I do not complain of them. I am aware that they are showing a great deal of enterprise and vigor in the management of the road. They are rapidly bringing it into a position which will justify our hopes, and enable it to pay steady dividends; and when the Union Pacific is placed in that condition all similar roads will be benefited, capital will flow naturally into similar enterprises, and such projects as the Texas Pacific will need no subsidies or guarantees from Government, because investors will be encouraged to place their money in them. The general tone of the financial and commercial market would be vastly improved.

But surely the present interests of the shareholders should be regarded. It is quite clear that the sum of $500,000 a year is more than the Government could get from the company, under compulsion, for years to come. Is it wise to pay it now? If so, and if it is just at the same time, there is no more to be said. I should, however, like to receive a little information on the points which I respectfully ask to submit through your columns. L. C.

OBITUARY.

EDWARD DELAFIELD, M. D.

Dr. Edward Delafield died at his residence, No. 1 East Seventeenth street, corner of Fifth avenue, on Saturday, the 13th inst., in the eighty-first year of his age. Dr. Delafield was the son of John Delafield, who for many years held a high position in the mercantile community of New-York. He was born in the year 1794, and after a preliminary education in this City he was graduated from Yale College in 1812. He entered the office of the late Samuel Borrowe, M. D., and graduated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1815. He completed his regular term of service in the New-York Hospital, and then went abroad. He continued his studies chiefly in London, where he was a pupil of Sir Astley Cooper and Mr. Abernethy. He returned home after about a year's absence, and, in connection with the late Dr. John Kearney Rodgers, established the New-York Eye and Ear Infirmary in November, 1820. Of this institution he was an attending surgeon until 1850, when he was elected consulting surgeon, and in 1870 he was made Vice President.

In this, his first public professional enterprise, he maintained the warmest interest through life, and much of its success may fairly be credited to his active labors and wise and prudent counsels. Soon after the foundation of the infirmary he became a partner of Dr. Borrowe, and was early introduced into a large and lucrative practice. In 1834 he was appointed one of the attending physicians to the New-York Hospital, a position which he held for four years. In 1839 he was appointed Professor of Obstetrics and Diseases of Women and Children in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and continued to fill the chair with signal ability until the year 1858, when his increasing private practice obliged him reluctantly to resign both his professorship at the college and his position at the hospital. In the year 1842 he became the founder of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Medical Men, of which he was the first President, and to the management of whose affairs he, always devoted much of his time, his great business capacity, his prudence, and conservative views fitting him in a peculiar manner to act as the guardian of pecuniary interests. In 1851 he was elected President of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, a position which he held at the time of his death. As President of the college he became by a provision in the will of Mr. Roosevelt a member of the Board of Governors of the Roosevelt Hospital, of which board he was the President. He was Chairman of the Building Committee of the hospital, and devoted himself unsparingly to the details of the building and the organization of the institution. The success attending these efforts largely belonged to the careful and intelligent study which Dr. Delafield gave to the whole subject of hospital construction and organization. As a teacher Dr. Delafield was quiet, clear, methodical, emphatic in his views, terse, elegant, and distinct in his mode of expressing them. As a private practitioner Dr. Delafield achieved a high reputation. He carried in a remarkable degree the confidence of his patients. His great medical sagacity, combined with his extensive scientific acquirements, secured him success in the management of disease which few have rivaled, and the kindly and devoted interest which he felt for the sick intrusted to his skill, brought him the love and affection as well as the gratitude of those to whom he ministered.

The disease which caused Dr. Delafield's death was pneumonia, of which he had been sick nearly a year and a half. His brother, Joseph Delafield, aged eighty-one, died of the same disease on Friday night after a sickness of eighteen hours. His obituary was published in THE TIMES yesterday. Another brother, and the sole surviving one, Henry, aged eighty-three, is lying sick of the same disease, and at a late hour last night was not expected to live till morning.

REV. ROBERT H. PATTISON.

Rev. Robert H. Pattison, Pastor of the Western Methodist Episcopal Church of Philadelphia, died yesterday morning at his residence, Lombard street, of paralysis. Mr. Pattison was about fifty-four years of age, and for years was Secretary of the Philadelphia Conference and Presiding Elder of the Northern District. He was also prominently identified with the Masonic Order.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE THEATRES THIS EVENING.

Mr. J. L. Toole will to-night act at the Lyceum Theatre in "Off the Line," "The Dodger," and "Domestic Economy." At Wood's Museum Mr. S. C. France will appear in "Marked for Life." Mr. A. H. Sheldon and Theodore Loyal are to delight the frequenters of the Bowery in a new drama called "Wealth and Crime," and the Colosseum, at the other extremity of the town, is to simultaneously open its doors. No changes of programme are noticeable at the other houses.

SENATOR BROWNLOW'S RETURN TO JOURNALISM.

A weekly paper published in Knoxville, Tenn., as the *Independent*, announced in its last issue that it will hereafter be editorially under the charge of Senator Brownlow, and be called the Knoxville *Whig*. It adds: "Without entering into details as to the character of the paper to be published, we would say that it will be national in the principles it may advocate, in whatever policy it may suggest, and in every sentiment it may utter. It will be Republican in the true sense of the term when employed to express partisan allegiance without servility. It will support the Republican party, reserving the right to condemn and oppose its sins or mistakes. It will strive to deserve and secure success through the means of that party discipline which can only be maintained by dignified independence and fearless and honest criticism. It will be the organ of no man, clique, nor set of designing tricksters. In a word, it shall be a readable political, news, and literary journal."

ADJ. GEN. TOWNSEND'S APPOINTMENTS.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 14.—Adj. Gen. Townsend has made the following appointments in his department, to take effect on the 1st March, viz.: Alfred H. Taylor, Assistant Adjutant General; John H. Lynch, clerk; Joseph B. Zeiser, clerk; W. E. Dwyer, clerk; Victor Ontario, clerk; E. B. Tenbroeck, clerk; G. C. Rice, clerk; John Cook, messenger. Bureau of Military Statistics—Miss L. Dempsey, clerk; Patrick H. Daly, janitor.

THE CAPITAL OF WEST VIRGINIA.

CHARLESTON, West Va., Feb. 14.—A bill removing the capital of this State to Wheeling within the next ninety days passed the House on Saturday by a vote of thirty-seven to twenty-eight. The same bill passed the Senate a few days since. It only awaits the Governor's signature to become law.

WASHINGTON.

DEMOCRATIC EMBARRASSMENTS.

THE HUNGRY CROWD OF OFFICE-SEEKERS—APPREHENSIONS OF AN EXTRA SESSION IN MARCH—DISCORD ON THE FINANCIAL QUESTION AND THE SPEAKERSHIP—A PROPOSED CONFERENCE—AN ADDRESS TO THE PUBLIC INDEFINITELY POSTPONED FOR FEAR OF A RUPTURE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The Democrats express, and without doubt feel, great anxiety to pass the appropriation bills and avoid the necessity of an extra session. They dread the responsibility they must assume, and the conflict over the offices, which cannot fail to be personal and bitter. If the House should meet on March 4 there is little doubt but Fernando Wood would be elected speaker. Cox and Randall both know this, and they are among those most anxious not to have an extra session. Mr. Holman is credited with the remark that he wished Congress could adjourn till a year from next December. There are at least thirty-five candidates for the clerkship who have counted up already. The Post Office has still more numerous competitors, who are probably envious of the opportunities which King has shown that the Postmaster enjoys. If Mr. Wood should not be Speaker he will certainly be Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and leader of the House. The attempt was made soon after the holidays to hold a meeting of leading Democrats from all parts of the country, to confer with the Democrats in Congress, and arrange a policy and issue an address. Belmont came over from New-York and met many others, informally, and it was found that the danger of an open rupture on the currency question was so great, in case a meeting was held, that the whole affair has been indefinitely postponed. The New-York men made propositions to leading Southern men looking to the nomination of Gov. Tilden for President, and promised, if the South would accept him, they should be allowed to name the Vice President and to have a large voice in making the platform. This was acceptable to the South, and several consultations have been held on the subject. The delegates from the South will inevitably rule the convention.

THE TAX AND TARIFF DEBATE IN THE HOUSE.

SEVERAL DAYS MORE TO BE GIVEN TO IT—THE BILL TO PROTECT VOTERS IN THE SOUTH—DETERMINED OPPOSITION EXPECTED FROM THE DEMOCRATS—PRESSING NECESSITY FOR AUTHORITY TO CURB THE DISORDERLY CHARACTERS IN THE SOUTH—THE RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The death of Representative Hooper will prevent the revenue bill from being again taken up before Wednesday. To-morrow will be divided between the District of Columbia and announcement of the death of Messrs. Crocker and Hooper, and on Tuesday the House will attend Mr. Hooper's funeral. In view of the shortness of the session and the accumulation of important public business, a resolution may be introduced to stop general debate on the bill. Mr. Burchard, of the Ways and Means Committee, is entitled to the floor when the bill comes up, and Messrs. Beck, Niblack, and Kasson, also of the committee, want to speak, while Mr. Cox and some others are preparing speeches. The indications are that two or three days' debate may yet be had before the House can be brought to a vote on the bill. Mr. Dawes would like to have general debate stopped in view of the near approach of the end of the session, but his relations to the bill prevent him from making a motion for that purpose. The Ways and Means Committee will permit three amendments to be made to the pending bill, viz.: One proposing a tax on tea and coffee; one proposing to strike out the fifteen cents on whisky in bond, and one proposing to strike out the ten per cent. duty on certain articles of foreign manufacture. When the time arrives for closing the debate the previous question will be demanded on the bill, with the three amendments above named pending, and an effort will be made to exclude all other amendments from being voted upon in connection with the bill.

THE SOUTHERN PROTECTION BILL.

The "bill to protect voters and prevent fraud at elections" approved by the Republican House caucus on Friday night, will lead to a determined contest when introduced. The Southern Republicans, who follow the leadership of Mr. White, of Alabama, are determined to press the bill, and Mr. Conger, of Michigan, chairman of the Alabama Investigating Committee, will report it to the House early this week. A number of Republicans will oppose the section authorizing the President to suspend the writ of *habeas corpus*. To the Southern followers of Judge White, the *habeas corpus* is the section of most value, and they care little for the bill with that stricken out. The friends of the bill are confident of their ability to pass it. The Democrats will resist its passage by every means within their power, but cannot defeat its passage in the House, under the new rule, by resorting to dilatory motions. A majority of the House can force a vote on the bill in two days after it has been introduced. Should the bill get through the House the main effort of the Democrats to prevent its final passage will be made in the Senate. In that body a motion for the previous question cannot be made, and no limitation is placed on general debate. The Democratic Senators are making arrangements to prevent, if possible, any political legislation by continuing debate, and express a determination to live continuously at the Capitol until March 4 rather than permit that bill to pass. The report of the committee that has just returned from Louisiana will leave no doubt of the necessity of some legislation which shall enable the President to protect the Southern States from violence, and it is probable that there is actually a large majority in the South, of Conservatives as well as negroes and Republicans, who will secretly rejoice at such legislation. The evidence is overwhelming to show that a small class of discontented, turbulent, desperate young men overawe the whole population, and that the better class of Conservatives have no power to resist or restrain them. There is no more hope of quiet and protection now without Federal power than when the Kuklux laws were enacted, which were proved by the event wise and useful.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

Vice President Wilson went to New-York last night to bid good-bye to Gov. Claflin and wife, who are about sailing for Europe. It was Mr. Wilson's intention some time ago to go abroad at the same time as Gov. Claflin. His absence from the Senate will make necessary another President *pro tempore*. If Mr. Carpenter is in the Senate on Monday he will be elected, and if not Mr. Anthony will be again chosen.

THE RIVERS AND HARBORS APPROPRIATIONS.

The Rivers and Harbors Appropriation bill has been completed by the Committee on Commerce, and will be reported to the House at the first opportunity. It is still subject, however, to modifications at the suggestion of Mr. Wheeler, Chairman of the committee. The following are among the appropriations for the State of New-York: Hudson River, estimated $102,000, allowed by the committee, $40,000; East River, estimated $600,000, allowed $250,000; Oleott, $10,000; Oak Arbor, $10,000; Charlotte, $5,000; Pultneyville, $10,000; Great Sodus Bay, $10,000; Little Sodus Bay, $10,000; Oswego, $90,000; Ogdensburg, $5,000; Buffalo, $100,000. There was also allowed for the purpose of keeping clear the mouth of the Mississippi River, $250,000, with a proviso that it shall cease to be available whenever it is superseded by any other work of improvement authorized by law.

THE RAILROAD LOBBY BAFFLED HITHERTO.

It is the fashion to reproach Congress in and out of season, but it ought to be kept in mind that this Congress has not thus far during its two years of power passed a single measure of doubtful honesty at the dictation or solicitation of any lobby. There never was a Congress assailed with such terrific force as this has been by the advocates of the Texas Pacific and other railroad subsidies, but not even has a committee been secured to recommend any of these bills, and it is now almost beyond doubt that none of them can pass this session. If the record of this Congress is continued as clean till the end, the Republican Party will never suffer from any exposures of jobbery or corruption for which it is responsible.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

MR. BLAINE AND THE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

There having been some erroneous reports of Speaker Blaine's speech in the Republican caucus of Friday evening last, the following is given as an authentic outline of all he said:

The Speaker confined his remarks wholly to the proposition for a general suspension of the writ of habeas corpus, and made no reference whatever to any other subject. He stated that he could see no possible reason for giving the President the power to suspend the great writ at his discretion in Maine and Michigan because there was a disturbed condition of affairs in Louisiana or Mississippi. If there is a condition of affairs there to warrant it, let the suspension be confined to the disturbed districts. He could not see why Southern States like Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee, that were now trying to sustain good government, should be menaced and excited by a suspension of habeas corpus. Moreover, the pending proposition was submitted as to territory, and unlimited as to time. The bill, if it should become a law, will confer upon the President of the United States for all time to come, whoever that President might be, the right and power to suspend the habeas corpus, at his sole and absolute discretion, in any city, county, district, or State within the Union. He felt great respect for President Grant, and would trust him as far as he would any executive officer, but he would never vote to confer this autocratic power upon any President now or hereafter. Even if no actual harm should come from it for a long period of years, the people would in the end become too much familiarized with the suspension, and would lose that intense jealousy of individual personal liberty which is the great characteristic of the Anglo-Saxon race, and which all our legislation should stimulate rather than repress.

BOUNTIES AND THE TARIFF.

The bill for the equalization of bounties passed by the House of Representatives yesterday is the third of the kind passed by the House. The two previous bills in former Congresses failed to receive definitive action by the Senate. Nor is the present bill likely to become a law, mainly because while there may not be time for the Senate to act upon the measure, it would, if passed into a law, take from the Treasury at least as much as the sum proposed to be raised by the pending Tariff bill, the necessity for which is urged on the ground of public necessity. The Tariff bill meets with objections not only from the Democratic but from many of the Republican members, and therefore doubts are expressed as to whether it can pass in its present form.

THE ARKANSAS MESSAGE.

The Message of President Grant and the accompanying documents on the Arkansas affairs, communicated to the Senate on the 8th inst., still lie on the table, several fruitless attempts having been made by Senator Clayton to refer them to the Committee on Privileges and Elections. The subject is, however, already before the committee on the memorial of V. V. Smith, claiming to be the lawful Governor of the State, and the documents now awaiting reference furnish little not already known.

THE APPROPRIATION BILLS.

Nine of the general appropriation bills have passed the House of Representatives, and several of them have become laws. The River and Harbor bill, the Deficiency bill, and the bill making appropriations for sundry civil expenses will be reported this week. The army bill is in Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union. The Senate has disposed of all the general appropriation bills sent to it excepting the Indian, Military Academy, and Pension bills. All these bills are as far advanced as at any previous session.

CONGRESSIONAL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

The Congressional Temperance Society held its anniversary this evening, Senator Wright, of Iowa, presiding. The Secretary, Dr. Chickering, reviewed the history of the society for forty-two years. Addresses were made by the President of the society and others.

THE LATE SENATOR BUCKINGHAM.

The eulogies on the late Senator Buckingham, of Connecticut, will be delivered in Congress next Saturday.

THE DISTRICT BONDS.

Offley & Co., bankers, report that the action of Congress in perfecting the guarantee of the 3.65 bonds of the District of Columbia has had a beneficial effect on this class of securities, and increased the demand for them.

FRANCE AND PRUSSIA.

A "MEMORANDUM" OF 1866—NEUTRAL TERRITORY BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

LONDON, Feb. 15—5:30 A. M.—Hansen, a Dane, has published a memorandum which was conveyed to Bismarck from France in 1866. It proposes the erection of Prussian territory on the left bank of the Rhine into a neutral State, under a member of the Hohenzollern family.

The object was to avoid contact and rivalry between France and Prussia in view of the immense increase of the latter's power.

THE WEATHER.

SYNOPSIS AND PROBABILITIES.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15—1 A. M.—The barometer has risen in the North-west, and thence eastward over the lake region, and southward to the interior of the Gulf States. It has fallen in New-England apparently in connection with a storm centre south-east of Nova Scotia. The temperature has fallen decidedly over the lower lakes and Middle States, and thence westward to Kansas and Texas. Clear weather with north-westerly winds is very generally reported, except cloudy weather in the South Atlantic and Gulf States. The rivers have risen at Vicksburg and fallen at Cincinnati, Nashville, Cairo, and Memphis.

PROBABILITIES.

For Monday in the South Atlantic and Gulf States, cloudy weather and light rain, followed by rising barometer, northerly winds and colder, clear, or clearing weather, constituting a light "norther" in the Gulf States.

For Tennessee, the Ohio, Upper Mississippi and Lower Missouri Valleys, the North-west and the lake region, stationary or rising barometer, colder, clear weather, with north and west winds, possibly backing to south-west in the upper lake region.

For the Middle and Eastern States, rising barometer, increasing north-west winds, and colder clear weather.

The rivers will probably continue falling, except a slight rise below Vicksburg.

Cautionary signals continue at Cape Hatteras, Kitty Hawk, Norfolk, Cape Henry, Baltimore, Cape May, Peck's Beach, Atlantic City, Barnegat, Squan Beach, Long Branch, Sandy Hook, New-York, New-Haven, New-London, Wood's Hole, Boston, Thatcher's Island, Portland, and Eastport.

COLD WEATHER IN THE NORTH-WEST.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 14.—Telegrams from various points in the North-west indicate that the cold weather continues throughout that section. A number of railroads in Iowa are still blockaded.

SOUTHERN REPUBLICANS.

CAN A FREE SCHOOL AND FREE LABOR PARTY BE FORMED?

WHERE THE PARTY LINES SHOULD BE DRAWN—CUNNING POLICY OF THE DEMOCRATS IN DRAWING THEM BETWEEN THE RACES—THE OLD SLAVE POWER STILL SEEKING TO CONTROL THE LABOR OF THE SOUTH—WHERE THE REPUBLICAN PARTY MUST LOOK FOR ITS LEADERS IN THE SOUTH.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Monday, Feb. 8, 1875.

Those who remember the powerful party that elected Bullock Governor of Georgia in 1868 are, no doubt, astonished that at the last election in this State the Republicans elected no member of Congress and but five of the 200 members of the Legislature. I shall not now allude to the causes that have produced this result, nor to the dishonorable means resorted to by the Democrats to carry the elections. There are questions of greater importance to the American people that it may be well to consider in this connection. All thoughtful Republicans have, undoubtedly, often considered the question, "Can a successful Republican Party be organized in the Southern States, controlled by able and upright leaders?" No Republican will deny its importance. The stability of our Government and the prosperity of our country, require a favorable solution of it. Ten years of careful study and observation in the South have convinced me that this object can be accomplished, if the right means are used, and the proper and necessary work is done.

THE NATURAL LINES OF PARTY DIVISION.

It is believed that certain fundamental truths must be recognized, and the real condition of the South must be understood by Republican statesmen. John Adams in a letter to a friend said: "You say that our divisions began with Federalism and Anti-Federalism. Alas! they began with human nature. They have existed in America from the first plantation. In every colony divisions always prevailed. In New-York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Massachusetts, and all the rest a court and country party have always contended. Whig and Tory disputed very sharply before the Revolution, and in every step during the Revolution. Every measure of Congress from 1774 to 1788, inclusive, was disputed with acrimony." It will be admitted that slavery has divided politics in this country for many years. The South was ruled by a slave-holding aristocracy that was arrogant and powerful, and had no sympathy with the people. Although there were 8,000,000 of whites in the Southern States, and no more than 300,000 slave-holders, and only about 100,000 of these holding a large number of slaves and constituting the real aristocracy, yet this slave aristocracy for many years ruled every Southern State, and also ruled the nation. They considered themselves *the* "gentlemen" of the country. They were the leaders in "society" in the South. Indeed, in their own estimation, they and their families constituted "society." They assumed to be "the Southern people." Most of the whites were poor and ignorant, and the subtle leaders of the slave power established no free schools to educate them, because, if educated, they would know that they were injured by slavery, and they would overthrow that institution and control the Southern States themselves. Education was confined for the most part to those who were interested in slavery, and they were the men of influence. These crafty leaders taught the ignorant masses to hate the slave, and slavery had no more ardent defenders than were found among the ignorant non-slaveholders, who opposed emancipation least they should be no better than a "nigger."

THE REAL ISSUE.

Slavery or cheap negro labor is the real issue that now divides parties in the South. The leaders who fought to establish a government the corner-stone of which should be slavery, "were convinced against their will, and are of the same opinion still." They will have a government controlled by the aristocracy. They will do nothing to educate, improve and elevate the masses. All the contempt they so often expressed before the war upon the floor of Congress for the "mudsills" and "greasy mechanics" of the North and their representatives in Congress they still feel. They ruled the Democratic Party before the war, and thus ruled the nation. They would do it again. They desire slavery or cheap negro labor that they may accumulate wealth, maintain their aristocratic position and make themselves again the rulers of the country. Those who suppose that they will not make a long and desperate fight to accomplish these objects are ignorant of their purposes and of their character. They organized the Kuklux Klans and the White Leagues. They would rather die than be ruled by the real leaders of the people, either white or black, and they will fight with the utmost desperation to accomplish their purposes.

WHERE THE TRUE PARTY LINE SHOULD BE DRAWN IN THE SOUTH.

The North is ruled by the people. Its statesmen represent the masses. Its leaders spring from the people. The real fight now is between slavery and freedom. It is aristocracy against democracy. It is a fight as old as civilization, and it will undoubtedly continue to the end of time. The aristocratic leaders of the South must be fought face to face before their own people. The party of freedom must be firmly planted in every Southern State, if public opinion there is to be changed and the masses educated and elevated. It will take years of hard labor to accomplish this, and it will cost much blood. It will require leaders of courage and ability, thoroughly imbued with the ideas that have made the North great and prosperous; men who are willing to risk their lives, if necessary, in the advocacy of the cause, and they must have the confidence and support of the Republican statesmen of the country. Jefferson Davis was a representative of the most arrogant and overbearing of the slave aristocracy. Stephens, who perhaps really desired the improvement of the people, yielded to the imperious will of the slave aristocracy when they required his support. They were chosen to lead the slave aristocracy in their fight to establish the Southern Confederacy. Lincoln, Hamlin, Johnson, Grant, Wilson, representing the people, were chosen to lead in the contest to establish freedom in America. The astute leaders of the slave aristocracy assume that the real contest in the Southern States is between the white man and the negro; that the Republican Party is a negro party, and the Democratic Party the white man's party; that it is the Caucasian against the negro, and thus they expect to unite the white population in opposition to the Republican Party, while they seize the Governments of the Southern States and through them the control of the nation. The Republicans of the South should not join issue on this question. They should press the questions of free schools and free labor, while they unhesitatingly maintain the equality of the negro before the law. At present in the Southern States parties are divided on the "color line." It is true that a few white men act with the Republican Party; but the masses are Democrats, so-called. The negroes are Republicans and can be nothing else, because the fight relates to themselves, and they are defended by the Republican Party. A few vote the Democratic ticket—some through corrupt motives, others through fear; but the masses will vote the Republican ticket as long as the leaders of that party are true to the great principles upon which it was founded. Unless there is a change, Virginia, Georgia, Kentucky, and other Southern States, where there is a majority of white voters, will continue to be controlled by the Democrats; and South Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Florida will be controlled by the Republicans no longer than the national troops defend their Governments. Indeed, it is probable that every Southern State will be controlled by the Democrats within five years unless the whites are divided. The true policy for the leaders of the Republican Party is believed to be to divide the whites, and still remain true to the colored voters. The fight should be between white leaders, backed by white voters, with the colored men the allies of the white Republicans.

HOW THE TRUE LINE MAY BE ESTABLISHED.

It must be remembered that as party divisions "began with human nature," we must also look for the natural divisions. As slavery, or cheap negro labor, has been the real issue in Southern politics, we must expect to find those who believe their interests are promoted by controlling negro labor supporting the Democratic Party, while those whose interests will be promoted by free schools and free labor will naturally drift into the Republican Party. In such a contest we cannot expect the support of many men belonging to the slave aristocracy; and yet there are, and undoubtedly will continue to be, noble exceptions—men controlled by patriotic motives rather self-interest, who will be able and bold champions in the cause of freedom. There is much to deter such men from joining the Republican Party. They are ostracised and denounced by their former associates, as though they had committed some felony. If one accepts an office from a Republican Administration, and does not aid the Republican Party or associate with its leaders, but is known to be a Democrat, he is treated as before by his associates. While most of the Republican leaders of the North belong to the great middle class, in which are men of wealth, culture, and refinement, who have sprung from, or sympathize with, the people, the leaders of the South belong to the aristocratic class, either by birth or adoption. The middle class in the South has always been powerless, but to it must the Republican Party now look for its leaders in this section. From it will spring leaders who believe in free schools and free labor, and they will not be ostracized by their associates because they advocate Republican principles. They will divide the white vote and bring to their support the white working men of the South. The colored men will be the natural allies of such men, and a party thus organized will be powerful and victorious. Thus is the slave aristocracy of the South to be overthrown, and, in my judgment, in no other way. The National Administration can do much to strengthen the Republican Party in the Southern States by appointing men to office here who will aid to thus organize a Republican Party. I will at another time allude to the efforts that have been made in this State to divide the white vote. Many of the ablest Republican leaders here are confident that they can organize a successful party on that line, if they can have the necessary assistance.

A GEORGIA REPUBLICAN.

THE TREATMENT OF PNEUMONIA.

THE DISEASE MORE PREVALENT THAN IN MANY YEARS—OPINIONS OF DRS. LOOMIS AND HUDSON—NO OCCASION FOR ALARM.

The recent death from pneumonia of several well-known citizens has created a feeling of apprehension on the part of the public that the disease had assumed the form of an epidemic, or that it had assumed proportions beyond the reach of skillful physicians. This is regarded as a false impression by physicians, who aver that simple pneumonia will pursue a steady and brief course for a week or ten days, when it will terminate favorably without any further treatment than good nursing; and in the more severe forms which it assumes it only requires the addition of supporting treatment, especially the use of quinine and mild stimulation. There was a time when vigorous depletion was considered the duty of every physician at the outset of pneumonia, often with the view of completely checking it, and in its earlier stages, for the purpose of shortening its duration and limiting the extent of lung involved, and the prolongation of the disease. Blood-letting, as a method of routine treatment, has been abandoned, not only in pneumonia, but in all inflammatory diseases. At the same time there is a growing opinion among many physicians that the utter abandonment of bleeding is a natural reaction from its former abuse, and that there may occur in the experience of any physician cases of extreme congestion or incipient inflammation in which the withdrawal of blood will be indicated as a sure and immediate means of relief. As, however, cases of inflammatory disease are seldom seen until the process has been in a measure established, if there is a withdrawal of blood it lowers the vitality of the system which, will be required to pass through the natural period of the disease and insure a successful removal of the inflammatory deposit. And all the blood withdrawn must be restored by subsequent vigorous supporting treatment. Following the method of depletion various remedies supposed to have a sedative influence upon the nervous system and to lessen the plasticity of the blood were extensively used. Such treatment is still in a measure employed, with a view of diminishing the extent of inflammatory action, but, as a rule, combined with tonics and liberal diet. It would be impossible to enumerate the various articles which are employed or the numerous classes of remedies used, but the diversity of remedies does not argue any essential difference in the mode of treatment, the particular articles employed individually by different physicians having substantially the same effect. With a view of diminishing the action of the heart and lessening the local congestion, elevated temperature, and rapid pulse, one physician would use aconite, while another would prescribe veratrum viride, or digitalis, all of which would subserve the same purpose. There is, however, a general recognition of a few simple principles in the treatment of pneumonia: to relieve the extreme exhaustive pain in the side; to reduce the temperature of the body, or at least control the destructive febrile action of which the elevated temperature is the exponent, and by regulating the action of the heart and the violence and rapidity of the circulation, to restrict the inflammatory process to as limited an amount of lung tissues as possible. From this stage of the disease one general method of treatment is pursued; that is to so thoroughly restrain the patient by rich concentrated food and by tonics, especially cahsaya bark or quinine, and when necessary the administration of alcoholic stimulants, thus enabling the patient to convalesce rapidly with a complete restoration of the lungs to a healthy state.

A TIMES reporter yesterday called on Dr. Alfred L. Loomis, who has had an extensive practice in pneumonia and diseases of a similar nature, with the view of learning the extent of the malady at the present time. Dr. Loomis stated that pneumonia had been more prevalent this season than for many years before, and probably in a more fatal form. It was not contagious, he said, and had not yet assumed the proportions of an epidemic. It was to a certain extent, subject to atmospheric influences, and had a very close connection with those affecting diphtheria and cerebro-spinal meningitis. It was more fatal among people between the ages of 20 and 40, and those who had passed the age of 60 years. Persons between the ages of 40 and 60 were seldom attacked by it. The nature of the disease, he said, was inflammation of the lungs, and the exciting causes were exposure of the body to extreme cold or prolonged chills. The predisposing causes, he said, were malaria, the undue use of alcoholic stimulants, and unknown atmospheric changes such as are present where certain malarial diseases are prevalent. The disease might also be developed by the inhalation of sewer gases. The symptoms manifested themselves in the patient by a distinct chill, lasting from half an hour to two or three hours, followed by a pain in the side of several hours' duration, accompanied by a high fever, hacking cough, and rapid respiration, and hemorrhage. The possible danger of death was to be apprehended between the fifth and ninth days.

Dr. E. D. Hudson stated that he had prepared a table showing the comparative increase of pneumonia in proportion to the population from the year 1804 to the present time, as follows:

Year.	Population.	No. of deaths.
1804	60,489	40
1805	61,949	102
1810	90,000	103
1812	90,000	225
1820	123,706	155
1830	205,589	228
1840	312,852	557
1850	515,547	965
1860	814,237	1,302
1870	940,000	1,836
1872 about	1,040,000	2,182
1873 about	1,040,000	2,328
1874	1,040,000	2,386

By the foregoing table it will be seen that after the year 1805 there was no special increase until 1870, and since that time no decided increase was observed until the present year. In 1850, a general estimate was made by Dr. Swett, physician in the New-York Hospital, of the relative mortality of the four cities—Boston, New-York, Baltimore and Charleston as representative cities of the United States, and London as representing Europe. The result showed the deaths from all causes in Boston to be 1 to every 44 persons; New-York, 1 to every 17; Baltimore, 1 to every 332; Charleston, 1 to every 69, and London, 1 to every 11 persons; showing that while the mortality in New-York was in excess of other cities in the United States, it was smaller than that of London. During the past month, although the rate of mortality was very high, the number of deaths from pneumonia amounted to nearly one-eighth of the entire number. Dr. Hudson thought the explanation of this circumstance seemed to be due to the extraordinarily cold weather. He did not think the prevalence of malarial diseases had anything to do with pneumonia. The mortality from malarial diseases during the present season had been very slight—so slight that no mention of it had been made in the reports of the Board of Health. The present epidemic of pneumonia—if so it might be called—he said commenced on Dec. 13, 1874, and steadily prevailed until the week ending Jan. 30, during which period there were ninety-six deaths. In the following week there were ninety-three deaths, a decrease of three in the mortality list. Malaria, he said, could not prevail when the ground and water were in a frozen condition, and reference to standard authorities demonstrates that typhoid pneumonia is sometimes so prevalent as to be termed epidemic. It had been so in all countries, and at all times, particularly the crowded towns and cities in Great Britain. In Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Dublin, as well as in London, in the past, the mortality had been as high as ever it had been in this City. He did not think there was any serious ground for apprehension on the part of public; the ordinary mode of preventing colds would often ward off pneumonia.

RAID ON A GAMBLING HOUSE.

At 11 o'clock last night Capt. McDonnell, of the Eighth Precinct, made a descent on the gambling saloon on the second floor of No. 96 Bleecker street, of which Lawrence McCarthy is the ostensible proprietor. Fifteen persons found in the place were arrested and locked up at the Prince Street Police Station. The proprietor of the place was not present when the Police called, and thus escaped arrest. The Police seized a number of gaming implements.

CHRISTIANITY AND MORALS.

THE MISTAKES OF MODERN CHARITY.

SERMON BY REV. DR. H. C. POTTER—THE HOSPITAL COMPARED WITH THE HOME—THE AVERAGE TENEMENT-HOUSE A DISGRACE TO OUR CIVILIZATION—HEAL THE SICK BY ENNOBLING THEIR HOMES—INSTITUTIONAL TRAINING.

The last sermon of the course on "Christian and Social Morals" was delivered last evening at Christ Church, Fifth avenue, by Rev. H. C. Potter, D. D. His subject was "Modern Charity—Some of Its Mistakes," and his text was from Psalm lxviii., "God setteth the solitary in families."

In opening his topic Dr. Potter remarked that it would have been an easier and a pleasanter task to speak of the triumphs and successes of modern charity. Much of its history was like the stirring pages of romance. To recall the institutions which have sprung up in the Continent of Europe during the last fifty years, the remarkable awakening which has taken place in the philanthropic activities of the Church of England, the incomparable services of Florence Nightingale; to recall to mind what Agnes Jones did at the cost of her life in Liverpool, and work no less heroic done by Russian women of rank in the camps and hospitals during the Crimean war, and by our own women during our own war; then to take into account the services in behalf of the crippled, the orphan, the idiotic, and the charitable institutions here, which are the admiration of strangers and the just pride of our own community—it would have been a pleasanter task to review this record of philanthropic achievement, and to recognize how profuse are its provisions and comprehensive its varieties. But it was certainly an appropriate, if less congenial, inquiry, to demand how far this complex machinery, this vast expenditure is accomplishing the desired result. Leaving out the immediate evils which afflict human society, he would see how far modern charity was curing the ills with which it grappled. He doubted that anybody could fail to pretend that a great deal of our present charitable and philanthropic expenditure is not innocently, but none the less effectually, operating to increase and perpetuate the evils which it undertakes to remedy. Look before and after, and we cannot mistake their import. Side by side with the growth of hospitals, asylums, and the like, rises the growth of a pauperism which is at once the perplexity of the philanthropist and the dismay of the tax-payer. Our hospitals, where they are not hedged about by restrictions which make access to them a favor not easily obtained, are thronged by ranks of applicants who so press upon each other that the new-comers crowd out the old ere yet they have obtained their convalescence. And so it is with other charities. The clue to this condition of things is found largely in our forgetfulness of the principle of the text, "God setteth the solitary in families." And these words affirm, if they affirm anything, that the family is a divine institution, and as such a most sacred and potential factor in the building up of society and the welfare of the race. Is there any other spot so sacred, so helpful, even though clouded by sickness and darkened often by the shadow of a great grief? Go ask them who, eager for freedom from care, have tried the experiment of living without a home—in hotels—and if they are candid they will tell us how much the best instincts, the tenderest feelings, the truest joys of human life had been somehow quenched in their breasts. He, the speaker, anticipated the impulse with which his hearers would say that all this in nowise touched the operation of our charities. But he would invite them to look a little closer. Our charities aim to reach and relieve two classes: first, those who are already in homes; and second, those who are without them. There is a large class of persons who habitually live in homes, and who make little or no demand upon charities. But when sickness comes, or when accident befalls the head of the household, then the pinch begins. Add to this that some half dozen people are crowded in a meagre tenement, that the sick person can have but ignorant nursing, and straightway there arises the necessity for a hospital where there is skillful medical attendance, needful apparatus, and intelligent nurses. But just here there enters a fact which is easily demonstrable from most abundant evidence, and it is this: That a careful comparison of the statistics of great hospitals in great cities with the statistics of mortality in tenement-houses in those same cities is not on the whole favorable as arguing increased chances of recovery from hospital treatment. In other words, people do not get well more rapidly, more certainly, or in a larger proportion, whether treated for ailments or for accidents, when they are treated in a hospital than they are when they are treated in very inferior homes. He was not unmindful of the fact, to which attention had lately been called, that this is owing in no inconsiderable measure doubtless to the mistaken construction of hospitals, by which their very wards and corridors are made to perpetuate disease and to pass on a subtle form of hospital poison to those who are so unfortunate as to come under its influence. Nor did he forget the fact of the general feeling that a simple and less costly and less permanent style of hospital construction would greatly reduce the death-rate, whether in fever, surgical, or general hospitals, so far as to make the chances of recovery better than those in a tenement.

An equal improvement could be made in the character of the tenement-houses if rich men can be found willing to try the effect of putting within the reach of our poorer classes decently constructed and adequately lighted, drained, and ventilated homes. As a consequence of the determination of capitalists to keep the question of their business separate from their religion, our tenement-houses are often a disgrace to our modern civilization, and their comparative exemption from disease is a perpetual marvel. The most potent medicine in any human ailment is human sympathy, and that medicine is not for sale by apothecaries or given out at dispensaries. There is something in the most bungling mistakes of the meanest home, which in struggling with disease, or facing suffering, is calculated to give a man heart. It is in an atmosphere in which he is not a mere patient, with a number to distinguish him and a ticket to describe him. His home does not sacrifice his personality, and the physician who attends him is some one who, most probably, is at home in his dwelling, or at least knows him by name. He has not come to study him as a scientific illustration. Those about him may be a very "poor lot," as a tramp once described his wife and children, but, in his expressive phrase, they are "kith and kin." Therefore, if we would heal the sick we must do it, not by multiplying institutions, but by multiplying and ennobling homes. Of course, it is the more difficult task, but it is the surest and most hopeful one. But it may be asked are we to let sickness and poverty go hand in hand, and leave men to die in the garrets and cellars. God forbid! We are to go to them in their garrets, and brighten their existence by our presence and money. We are to conserve the family, not disband it; we are to recognize in one word that the household is God's own order, and that at its peril society tampers with its constitution.

While it is wise to preserve and elevate the family, there still remain those who have no homes, who are forced to seek aid and shelter from the orphan asylums, the refuges, poorhouses, and reformatories. Will any one pretend, it may be asked, that these institutions for the care of children are a mistake or their work a superfluity? The question suggested to him a distinction which it was time to insist upon. Nobody would dream of dispensing with the life-saving structures used in certain watering-places, and as little would they dream of living in them. They are meant to answer a temporary necessity, and as soon as their purpose is accomplished their transient inmate is helped to his home. Even so it is with those timely agencies which, ranging themselves along the brink of the swift-rushing current of life, reach down so often and snatch some young waif just as it is sinking, it may be for the last time. He believed, however, that they who administered such institutions would themselves be the first to admit that they ought not to be regarded as an end, but as a means to an end, and that that end should forever be their restoration to some Christian and well-ordered home. Happily such an end can be no longer regarded as an impracticable dream, for already there is a society which for twenty-five years has devoted itself with wisdom and success to the purpose. It has gathered the drift-wood of the young life of this great City year after year into its schools and lodging-houses—not to keep them there, but to pass them on to rural homes, in which they grow up virtuous and self-respecting members of society. Although he did not care to be the eulogist of any particular society, he could not but ask his hearers, if they would know how some of the most helpless and hopeless elements of the community may be most successfully dealt with, to read the history of the New-York Children's Aid Society. It may be asked how it is possible, by any such means, to grapple with the work which is at present being done in our midst for the neglected and homeless through other agencies. He did not think that it was a difficult question to answer. There are to-day in our public institutions 15,663 children. Supposing that, instead of maintaining these children as at present, at a large expense, and with, at the best, very doubtful results, it were resolved to place them in families, there would be just one child for every fifty families. He would maintain that it was not unreasonable to suppose that in every fifty families in the community there is at least one where, with a little effort, a home could be found for one child; a home in which, however inferior relatively it might be, would be positively superior in its training and influence to the training of an institution. Within the past year or two a gifted English woman having been invited to address herself to the examination of institutions for the shelter and training of children in connection with the English system for the relief of the poor, undertook the task of tracing out the history of young girls who had grown up in these schools, and has lately given the public the result of her inquiries. It would be difficult to exaggerate the shock which her discoveries have given to all thoughtful people. The London *Times* and *Spectator*, journals not wont to speak with undue haste, have recognized Mrs. Senior's report as one of the most valuable contributions to the literature of charitable relief as demonstrating the necessity of revolutionizing the present methods. We can repeat her story, if we choose, ourselves. There are young girls in the hospitals by the score, to-day, who have had similar training and have fallen to similar degradation. The result of institutional training is but mechanical obedience in children—the suppression of all that is human and elevating, so that when the institutional pressure is lifted there is nothing to restrain the boy or girl from going as speedily as circumstances will provide to the way of the bad.

FREIGHT RATES FROM THE WEST.

MEETING OF OFFICIALS IN CHICAGO—AN AGREEMENT MADE—THE FAST FREIGHT LINES WARNED.

The general freight agents of the railroads leading from Chicago to the East held a meeting in that city last Thursday for the purpose of arranging a uniform rate for the transportation of freight from Chicago to the East. All of the several lines were represented, and a tariff was agreed upon which was subscribed to by all of the parties. The several lines have been pulling in opposite directions for the past month, and the transportation rates were extremely low in consequence. Although the new rates are higher than those charged during the last four weeks, they are generally conceded to be very reasonable for this season of the year, and lower than they have been during several previous Winters. Nearly all the freights shipped to the East are grain and fourth-class goods. The rate previously adopted by the Saratoga combination was forty-five cents to this City, and it was the intention of that combination to increase it to fifty cents, but this was vetoed by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, and the rate accepted by the other roads was adopted. It was unanimously agreed to discontinue the system of making special contracts at rates lower than those adopted in the following table:

From Chicago to	First class.	Second class.	Third class.	Fourth class.	Grain.	Flour.	Bulk meats.
Philadelphia	$1 35	$1 00	75c	35c	35c	70c	40c.
Baltimore	1 35	1 00	75c	35c	35c	70c	40c.
New-York	1 50	1 10	85c	40c	40c	80c	45c.
Boston	1 60	1 20	90c	45c	45c	90c	50c.
Pittsburg	80	60	40c	25c	25c	50c	30c.

One of the causes which induced the several companies to cut down the rates heretofore was the action of the independent "fast freight lines," which have been in the habit of persistently shading the regular tariff at least two and one-half cents per one hundred pounds, and in this manner they have forced the railroads to lower their rates. This difficulty was overcome by the formation of a compact between the representatives of the several roads, in which they bind themselves to enforce compliance on the part of all the lines running over their respective roads, and in the event of the failure of the "fast freight lines" to maintain the contract, the companies will refuse to allow their cars to pass over the roads.

The representatives of the roads running west from Chicago held a meeting on the same afternoon for the purpose of establishing rates for points west of the Mississippi River. It had heretofore been the custom to pro-rate from this City to Kansas City and other points on the Missouri River, thereby making the through rates but little above those from Chicago to the points mentioned. The rate adopted provides that all freight destined for places on the Missouri

FRENCH AFFAIRS.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE ASSEMBLY.

PROCLAIMING THE REPUBLIC—THE SEPTENNATE LAWS—POSITION OF PARTIES—GEN. DE WIMPFFEN AND PAUL DE CASSAGNAC—TIDINGS FROM THE CARLISTS.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Monday, Feb. 1, 1875.

On Friday last M. Laboulaye presented an amendment to the Constitution now under discussion in the Assembly, proposing the proclamation of the Republic, but the amendment was rejected by a majority of twenty-three votes. The next day M. Wallon presented an amendment that has precisely the same object and aim, and it was voted by a majority of one. For a long time we have been accustomed to surprises of all sorts, but have had nothing comparable to this. Hence the Republic has been established—for three or four days, at least—and it is the very same Republic that was rejected on Friday. Naturally there is great rejoicing among the organs of Republican opinion. They are unanimous in crying *la république est faite*. Their adversaries admit that such is the fact for the time being. But before basing too many hopes upon this fact, we must examine its character and its bearing. A *projêt de loi* is proposed and the first article adopted. Several amendments are proposed to article 2, but are rejected, one after another, until we come to that of M. Wallon, which is adopted by one vote. Thinking that the vote would be taken the next day, a dozen members of the Right had gone off to Paris, and hence the Republic was voted by surprise. But I fear that the Wallon Republic will be of short duration, for when all the amendments have been voted and the articles discussed then comes a vote upon the *ensemble*, and the law will be rejected as a whole, the Wallon amendment with the rest. But this vote has made a great many people happy for a few hours and given the Republican journals a fine chance for crowing. The advantage of crowing is that there are a certain number of deputies who belong to no party in particular except the party that succeeds, and they generally vote for the side that crows the loudest.

THE SEPTENNATE LAWS.

Up to the time I write the organic laws of the Septennate have not progressed far, article 3 being under discussion to-day. Article 1, voted the other day, is as follows:

"The legislative power shall be exercised by two assemblies—the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate. The Chamber of Deputies is named by universal suffrage, according to the conditions prescribed by the Electoral law. The composition, the mode of nomination, and the attributes of the Senate, will be regulated by a special law."

Then comes article 2, which is the Wallon amendment, voted on Friday, and of which I have spoken above:

"The President of the Republic shall be elected by the plurality of the suffrages of the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies, united in one National Assembly (Committee of the Whole.) He is appointed for seven years. He is re-eligible."

Thus we find that the Assembly recognized in principle that the legislative power shall be exercised by a Chamber of Deputies and a Senate, and when it comes to the question as to what form of government shall be adopted by these two Assemblies, the Wallon amendment answers—the Republic. The tendency of the article is to engage the Assembly upon the Republican side, for it recognizes in substance that MacMahon is the President of the Republic; that his term is seven years from the date of his confirmation by the Senate and House—which would carry him beyond the term of the Septennate—and it admits the principle of unlimited re-election. This same proposition was presented by its author on the 23d of July, 1874, and was voted down by a large majority. "My proposition," M. Wallon then said, "does not proclaim the Republic; it makes the Republic. And why? Because, in my opinion, there is nothing else to make." And this proposition, "making the Republic," to which the Deputies would not listen last year, was adopted by the Assembly on Friday. The difference between this and the rejected proposition of M. Laboulaye is that the latter "proclaimed" the Republic, while the former "establishes" the Republic (in case the law should be voted as a whole) without proclaiming it. This done, the Assembly proceeded to take up an additional article, under discussion this afternoon, giving the Marshal President the right to dissolve the Chamber. My present impression is that this article will be voted as a sort of safeguard at the last moment. The Royalists will fight to the last against a Republic; but, when they find that it cannot be prevented, they will ask the Marshal to use this right of dissolution, and put their trust in new elections. The Marshal will not be the President of a definite Republic, he says, and he could not be if he would, for, if the Republic is voted, there is no reason in the world why M. Thiers should not be brought back to power. The Marshal would be ousted at once if the Republicans managed to obtain a good working majority.

CHANCES OF THE REPUBLIC.

This morning I had an opportunity for conversing with a former correspondent of THE TIMES, a gentleman who has been for many years in France, and asked his opinion of the Republican prospects. He did not appear to be over hopeful, but wished the success of the Republicans. The only chance for them was in keeping the Government from the hands of the Radicals. If the Duc De Broglie, Duc d'Audiffret, Duc Decazes, and other prominent men, were to go in with the moderate Republicans, like Thiers, Grévy, Dufaure, and Casimir-Périer, a Republic could now be established with ease. There is no denying the fact that the Bonapartists are gaining ground, but they are gaining it slowly. Beginning two years ago with seven deputies only, they now have thirty-five, and if time is allowed them they will have a controlling voice in the Chamber. If the Royalists go on as at present, cherishing hopes of restoring the Monarchy, they will give the Bonapartists the time they desire; but if they would go in now for a permanent Republic it could be established. This is also my own opinion, but I do not think that the Royalists will go with the moderate Republicans, and certainly their hesitations will go to the benefit of the Bonapartists. And in case a Radical majority should get possession of the Chamber they would certainly profit by it. There are now four candidates for the Presidency, in case the present law should be voted—MacMahon, M. Thiers, the Duc d'Aumale, and Marshal Canrobert. In addition we may count M. Gambetta. The Senate project was specially designed to create a place for the Duc d'Aumale and to facilitate his candidacy for the Presidency, and, should he be elected, he would soon prepare the way for a constitutional Monarchy, under his nephew, the Comte de Paris. Canrobert is the Bonapartist candidate, and were he elected the Government would soon pass into the hands of the Prince Imperial. The Marshal wrote a letter the other day to decline a seat in the Chamber, in which he expressed this strong imperial sentiments, and this has brought him prominently forward at this time. By refusing to have anything to do with politics he became the leader of a political party. By the time this letter reaches you the telegraph will have given the results of the present battle, and demonstrated the chances of these candidates. You will also have the results of the elections of Sunday next, when there will be in the field such strong Bonapartists as the Duc De Padoue and the Duc De Feltre.

GEN. DE WIMPFFEN AND M. DE CASSAGNAC.

In my last I omitted to note the affair of Gen. Wimpffen and Paul De Cassagnac, which came before the Civil Tribunal. The court decided that the General had no case that it could hear, or that it had no jurisdiction in the matter at issue. Gen. Wimpffen was non-suited, therefore, and condemned to pay the costs. The importance of this decision lies in the fact that in case of libel no proof is admitted in the civil courts, while justification can be pleaded and proved in the assize courts. For this reason Paul De Cassagnac demanded a criminal trial, although he would have been subject to a fine if condemned in the former, while he is subject to fine and imprisonment in the latter. But he has an opportunity for citing witnesses, and can have his case heard before a jury. The libel alleged by Gen. Wimpffen is contained in a criticism upon his conduct at Sedan, and is a mere reiteration of the charges contained in Gen. Ducrot's book. In my opinion this was the most important of all the works published about Sedan, but for some reason or other it attracted very little attention. I made a translation of it at the time, but did not find a publisher. It is this work that is now in question, and the result of the trial in the criminal court will depend greatly upon De Cassagnac's ability to prove the statements made by Ducrot. The General has been cited as a witness in the case now brought by Wimpffen in the Assize Court, and between the two parties nearly all the officers at Sedan have been cited to appear. The sum of the libel is contained in the charge that Wimpffen is mainly responsible for the disaster. When MacMahon was defeated at Reichschoffen the Minister of War sent Wimpffen down to take command of the army, in case of accident to the Commanding General. He arrived just as MacMahon was defeated and wounded before Sedan. Finding the army retreating he declined the command, on the ground that he had not the confidence of the officers, and it was given to Ducrot. That active and energetic officer made an arrangement by which he could retreat by the heights of Illy, and sent Lebrun forward to engage the enemy. For the moment the Germans were checked with severe loss. Ducrot meant to fight all day and retreat at night, and had already sent off his wagon trains and spare artillery. Seeing hopes of a victory, Wimpffen claimed the command of the army, and the Emperor tried to persuade him not to act upon his orders just then; but the General wanted the credit of the victory planned by Ducrot. He took command, was badly whipped, and when his army was routed he rushed into the Emperor's presence and cried: "Sire, I can do no more; my officers refuse to obey me." Ducrot was hidden in the embrasure of a window, and immediately sprang forward. "To whom do you refer," he said fiercely; "not one of your officers has refused to obey you." A savage speech then followed. Ducrot said that the only thing to be done was to let the retreat go on as he had ordered it. Wimpffen said that he had himself given orders to stop the retreat. Ducrot replied that if this was the case all was lost. Having by his fault caused the surrender, Wimpffen refused to raise the white flag, and it was after, this to spare further bloodshed, that the Emperor did it in person. Such are the charges made by Gen. Ducrot against Gen. Wimpffen, and reiterated, in a more offensive way, perhaps, by Paul De Cassagnac in the *Pays*. The Civil Tribunal could hardly have failed to find this a libel, although De Cassagnac's condemnation would have been light, since he merely repeated Ducrot's charges, but in the Criminal Court proof can be offered, and a jury must decide whether or not Ducrot's statement is correct, and whether or not Paul De Cassagnac was guilty of defamation by repeating it.

DEPUTY WALLON.

I intended to conclude my political paragraph with a few words about M. Wallon, the author of the amendment bearing his name. He is a dignified, fine-looking man, a little over sixty years of age, and has the appearance of a *savant*, as he is. He is one of the most learned and most respected professors of the Sorbonne, and a member of the Academy of Inscriptions. His lectures attracted great attention at one time, and are still popular at times, for, as a professor, M. Wallon has made himself talked about on account of the ardor with which he defends his Catholic convictions. In 1848 he was a member of the Legislative Assembly, and was regarded as a Conservative. He was so regarded in the present Assembly up to a very recent period, for he sat upon the Right Centre, voted against M. Thiers on the 24th of May, and voted with the Conservatives on the 20th of November, on the bill establishing the Septennate. But he seems to have been convinced that only two forms of government are now possible, and that every one must make a choice between the Republic and the Empire. He has chosen the former, and is now working with the Moderate Republicans.

THE CARLISTS.

A Carlist telegram sent to me a few moments ago asserts that there will be no *convenio* for the purpose of stopping the war, and that his Majesty Charles VII. can have no transactions with the son of Donna Isabella. The weather has now become settled, and the two armies, 80,000 men on each side, are preparing for the attack that cannot be long delayed. Don Carlos held a grand review at Estella, and announced to his troops the victory of Gen. Lizzarraga at Sarcedon, a town of 2,000 inhabitants, (the ancient Thermide cited by Ptolemy,) belonging to the two Dioceses of Cuenca and Toledo, and only eight leagues, or twenty-four miles, from Madrid. While Don Carlos is beating Moriones and Lama at Estella, Lizzarraga will, if nothing prevents, march upon the capital. The President of the Municipal Council of Estella received the King the other day, and terminated his address as follows:

"Sire, to-day, as ever, Estella is determined to sacrifice everything for the cause of your Majesty. We come to renew with still greater ardor our oath to conquer or die in defending the principles represented by your Majesty."

This dispatch represents the Carlists as ready for the coming battle, confident and enthusiastic. It is evident that the great battle cannot be long delayed. Our mail from the frontier did not arrive this morning.

POST OFFICE CHANGES.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The following are the postal changes for the week ending yesterday (Saturday:)

New-England.—Postmasters Appointed—Nathan Ellingwood, Greenbush, Penobscot County, Me.; John R. Pulcifer, South Auburn, Androscoggin County, Me.; Milton Coffin, Thorndike, Waldo County, Me.; Mrs. Relief R. Sanborn, West Campton, Grafton County, N. H.; Charles S. Weed, Farm's Village, Hartford County, Conn.

New-York.—Office Discontinued—Sweden, Monroe County. Name Changed—Galesville, Washington County, to Middle Falls, and James H. Reynolds appointed Postmaster. Office Established—Maple Valley, Otsego County. William P. Bentley, Postmaster. Postmasters Appointed—Charles H. Stackpole, Dannemora, Clinton County; George A. Wooster, Guilford Centre, Chenango County; Sidney S. Smith, Somerset, Niagara County.

New-Jersey.—Name Changed—Shark River, Monmouth County, to Hamilton. Postmaster Appointed—Harvey J. Conover, Middletown, Monmouth County.

Pennsylvania.—Offices Established—Klingerston, Schuylkill County, E. M. Umholtz, Postmaster; Swengal, Union County, Albert T. Shipton, Postmaster. Names Changed—Harmony Centre, Susquehanna County, to Brandt. Postmasters Appointed—David G. Lentz, Allenville, Mifflin County; Joseph S. Hyde, Brandy Camp, Elk County; William Nash, Crossengwill, Crawford County; James L. Penny, Duncan, Allegheny County; Mrs. Sabina Proctor, Hatfield, Montgomery County; Burt Fox, Hickory Grove, Susquehanna County; Benjamin H. Roth, Boppenville, Montgomery County; Silas J. Cover, Jenner's Cross Roads, Somerset County; Mary E. Irwin, Lebanon Church, Allegheny County; Michael P. Smyser, Lisburn, Cumberland County; Andrew Ocker, Madisonburg, Centre County; George W. Eppley, Marysville, Perry County; A. S. Bashire, Mowersville, Franklin County; Matthew McClelland, Painter, Westmoreland County; James Scott, Service, Beaver County; Silas D. Eckles, Wampum, Lawrence County; E. W. Campbell, Waterloo, Juniata County; John A. Stolz, West Green, Erie County; David Fratscher, West Salem, Mercer County; Patrick Curly, Williams Grove, Crawford County; H. H. Byers, Worth, Mercer County.

GARIBALDI IN ROME.

ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION OF THE PATRIOT—THE WELCOME TO THE CAPITAL—SCENES IN THE STREETS—SWEARING IN THE NEW DEPUTY—GOSSIP.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ROME, Monday, Jan. 25, 1875.

Garibaldi came into Rome yesterday very much as Cato, the elder, might have entered more than twenty centuries ago, after five-and-twenty years of retirement at his Sabine farm, or of active service in camp. It is, no doubt, true that the masses in the time of the old Republic were a good deal kept under, while in our time constitutional monarchies are obliged to let the people go and come and have their say, with a freedom only limited by the restraints of civic decorum. We are gainers in many respects, and much progress has been made in 2,000 years.

THE RECEPTION.

The reception of Garibaldi had in it nothing extraordinary. It was arranged without ceremony, or previous plan, and was very hearty and natural. I have many times seen a much greater crowd in the streets of Rome, and on occasions when an object much less noble and worthy of popular admiration called the people out. A crowd of at least 5,000 was at the railway station, and the applause burst out very cordially as soon as the multitude first caught sight of the hero. What other demonstrations of the same kind we might have witnessed, if the carriage containing the General had made further progress into the city, we do not know. The horses were detached as soon as Garibaldi mounted into the vehicle, and the people were allowed to drag the Chief as far as the Costanzi Hotel, which is not more than one-third of a mile from the railway landing. Here Garibaldi dismounted, made a speech, thanking his friends for their kind reception, expressing the great pleasure he felt on finding himself once more in Rome. After that the crowd dispersed and the demonstration ended. In the evening Garibaldi went quietly to the house in the centre of the city, in which he will be lodged with one of his sons during the time he remains here. But few flags were put out of the windows, and there was little in the aspect of the streets, or in the movement, different from that of any Sunday or other festa-day.

GOVERNMENT MEASURES.

Thus the terror of Garibaldi's entrance into Rome has been only that of anticipation and of the imagination. The hour of his arrival being a good deal uncertain was probably the cause of the less crowded movement of the population and the temperate enthusiasm of the applause. No one well acquainted with the real condition of Rome could have had any fear that the public order would be disturbed. But the Government had made every provision for a possible contingency, and there was a moderate increase of the military and Police force of the district. This was kept out of sight, and there was no display of power to offend the susceptibilities of the most jealous or captious of partisan leaders.

IN PARLIAMENT.

The Opposition in Parliament has for a day or two past punched the ribs of the Ministry upon the question of the action taken last Summer by the arbitrary arrest at a villa near Ravenna of some of the most conspicuous leaders of the Republican Party. To-day the discussion has been continued, with the presence of Garibaldi in the Chamber. Indeed, it was this field-day of hostile forces, more than anything else, that brought the patriot leader to Rome. Fortunately for the Ministry, and very much as was anticipated, the result of the discussion was a vote of confidence in the King's present councilors by a stronger majority than has before been obtained on any question introduced for the purpose of bringing to the proof the stability of the position of the Cabinet. Of 353 votes cast, 232 were on the side of the Government, and 121 on that of the opposition. The speaking was animated, and the Chamber was unusually thronged with spectators, drawn partly by curiosity to see Garibaldi present himself upon the scene, and partly in anticipation of a noisy partisan fight among the Deputies. There was a good deal of suppressed feeling, but the decorum of the place was not violated. It was an interesting moment when Garibaldi entered the Chamber leaning on the arm of two of his friends, and was conducted to his seat. The whole house rose, and the applause was as warm and general as on the occasions when the Chamber is visited by the King. As soon as the Deputy General was in his place and the enthusiasm had subsided, the President called on Garibaldi to take the prescribed oath. There was a universal hush of expectation and momentary pulsation of uncertainty. The President read the words: "I swear to be faithful to the King; to obey loyally the Constitution and the laws of the State, and to perform my duties with the single end in view of the good of the King and the country." Garibaldi rose, supported by friends, and taking off the cloth hat or cap which he habitually wears, and which he is permitted by courtesy to keep on in the Chamber, in a clear, strong voice responded: "I swear!" There was renewed applause, and a rippling whisper of satisfaction ran through the house; for the conviction was general that the Republican chief was as loyal as the most ostentatious devotee of monarchy.

GARIBALDI'S ABODE.

I have never seen greater animation in and around the Parliament House than that witnessed to-day. A crowd of thousands filled the broad square of Monte Citorio and waited for hours to catch a glimpse of the idol of the people, who contrived to slip away as quietly as possible, so as to calm the multitudinous waves which forever beat against the feet of such heroes. The visit to Rome may be prolonged through the greater part of the Winter, and the population will have opportunities enough for saluting the General as he comes and goes. It is said that a house may be taken for him at Monte Mario, a convenient distance from the city, an elevated site overlooking a wide region. There more quiet may be enjoyed with less annoyance from the bellowing crowd. Garibaldi looks feeble and somewhat old, although his health is good to a degree to quiet the solicitude of friends.

THE NEED OF ORDER.

Thus we see that all except the most passionate or stupid appear to feel how necessary it is to keep within bounds and avoid reducing to experiment plans and theories, the end of which would be to make a *frittata* of Italian political affairs, as the Spanish have done with theirs and the French are liable to do. The edifice of good government, of order, and unity, like a palace, or other majestic structure, is slowly built up; but the shock of incendiary passions may in an hour bring in confused heaps to the ground the grandest fabric which human skill has projected or brought to completion.

SPAIN AND THE VATICAN.

As regards Spain, it seems that the party of hesitation has got the upper hand at the Vatican, and the decision to wait has been arrived at. No Pontifical Nuncio will be sent to Madrid until it is seen that those who are bolstering up the boy Don Alfonso show themselves capable of establishing a *viable* government, or one that has the prospect of at least a year's run. It is only to be hoped that Spain may not be the rubbish-heap in which the fire may be lighted to lead to a general war. All Europe has its powder spread out to dry, and it may be ignited by sparks from a foul chimney.

THE EMPRESS OF RUSSIA.

The Empress of Russia has lingered longer at San Remo than was expected, for a month back she gave notice that her trunks were packed, and the King made the long journey north to take her by the hand before setting off. The first programme was to pass a portion of the Winter in Rome, but nothing has been lost by staying away, for the weather for the most part has been extremely bad, although little can be said in its praise further north. One does not know what to make of these royal and imperial invalids who are able to rush two or three times across Europe in pursuit of health in a Winter as inclement at this; for the friction and the jar is great in spite of all the conveniences furnished by modern inventions.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

A BRIEF SKETCH OF ITS RISE AND PROGRESS.

ITS EARLY HISTORY AND SUCCESSFUL ORGANIZATION—THE FIRST COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH—ITS SUCCESSIVE PASTORS—SKETCH OF THE PRESENT PASTOR, REV. ROBERT S. MACARTHUR.

Like almost every successful enterprise, the Calvary Baptist Church had a feeble beginning. Its early history is one of toil and trial. Its supporters were few, and their means were comparatively limited. Every step that was taken was marked by sacrifices of time and money. Its projectors, although few in number, worked with unceasing energy until their efforts were crowned with success. The church stands on Twenty-third street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, and to-day has a membership of over 500. It has a large Sunday-school, and through its members possesses much social and religious influence. It is entirely free from debt, and the church property is worth $250,000. The church in its beginning was an offshoot of the old and historic Stanton Street Church—the mother of churches in this City. Owing to various circumstances which had occurred, Rev. David Bellamy, then Pastor of Stanton Street Church, decided to go out from that church and form a new organization. Accordingly, on Wednesday evening, Nov. 23, 1846, a number of members of that church met at No. 219 Wooster street to take measures for organizing a congregation, to be called the "Hope Chapel Congregation." The night of this meeting was very stormy. As a consequence, only ten persons were present. The meeting was adjourned without accomplishing any special results. The time and place of another meeting were fixed, however. The time was Friday, Nov. 27, 1846; the place was No. 3 Third street. At the time and place above named an adjourned meeting was held according to appointment. The number present, however, was not much larger than before, there being but fourteen—not a very inspiring number certainly to begin so important an enterprise as the organization of a new congregation and the founding of a new Church of Christ. At this meeting a congregation was organized, and a committee was appointed to secure the Coliseum, No. 450 Broadway, for a place of worship, and also to invite Rev. David Bellamy, who had just resigned the charge of the Stanton Street Church, to preach for the new congregation on the following Sabbath. The Coliseum was secured, and divine worship was held there until lots were purchased on Broadway, opposite the New-York Hotel. These lots were bought on most favorable terms, the property being owned by parties who were glad to dispose of it in this way.

On Sabbath evening, Jan. 3, 1847, an invitation was extended to all who were interested in Hope Chapel to remain to consider the expediency of organizing an independent Baptist church. The interest manifested was considerable. Quite a large number remained. It was heartily and unanimously resolved to take immediate measures to form such an organization. Among the leading men at the time were W. D. Salisbury, B. S. Squiers, M. G. Lane, William E. Sibell, D. W. Manwaring, Henry Estwick, William Conklin, Abraham Fanning, and John Fanning.

On Sunday evening, Feb. 28, 1847, after service the people remained, and on motion, Rev. Elisha Tucker, then Pastor of Oliver Street Baptist Church, was appointed Chairman of the meeting. Rev. David Bellamy, the acting Pastor, presented the following preamble and resolution:

"Believing the step we are about to take to be in accordance with the leadings of Divine Providence, and influenced, we trust, by a desire to promote the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, in our own advancement in knowledge and holiness and the salvation of sinners, and in the exercise of that Christian liberty assured to us in the Gospel, we, whose names are hereunto attached, having been baptized on a profession of our faith in Christ, and having been regularly dismissed from the churches to which we have respectively belonged, do

Resolve, That herein and hereby by the adoption of this resolution we constitute ourselves into an independent Baptist church, by the name of the Hope Chapel Baptist Church in the City of New-York."

The resolution was adopted and the church, in this simple and, as Baptists believe, Scriptural way, was formed and articles of faith were adopted. One hundred and seven names of members of Baptist churches were attached to this resolution, of which number thirteen "remain to this day." On March 31, of the same year, it was resolved by the church, according to the usages of the Baptist denomination, to call a council to consider the propriety of recognizing the body as a regular Baptist church. The council was called to meet at the First Baptist Church, on Broome street, on April 22, 1847. Accordingly, on that day and in the above place the council met. On motion of the distinguished and lamented Dr. Cone, then Pastor of the First Church, it was resolved that the Hope Chapel Baptist Church be publicly recognized as an independent Baptist church, and that the services of recognition be held on the evening of the first Sabbath in May, at the Coliseum, their place of worship. This motion prevailed, and public services were held. The following clergymen participated in the exercises: Rev. J. L. Hodge, D. D., now Pastor of the Mariner's Temple, preached the "recognition sermon." Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Dickenson. "The hand of fellowship" was extended by Rev. Elisha Tucker, and the address to the church was made by Rev. C. G. Somers. The last two of these are now deceased. Soon after this the congregation built and occupied the house known as "Hope Chapel," on the lots on Broadway above referred to. The name was then changed to the "Broadway Baptist Church." The property on Broadway having been sold, lots were bought on Twenty-third street, the present location, and on the first Sunday in January, 1854, the congregation worshiped in the basement of their new house. The upper part was occupied on the first Sunday in May of the same year.

The Calvary Church is, and always has been, a remarkably united and happy body. Although it has been in existence for twenty-eight years, and has gone through the trial of moving and building, it has never had a divided vote recorded on its books.

The first Pastor was Rev. David Bellamy, who was called on Feb. 27, 1847. On the 26th of October, 1849, because of failing health, he resigned. He was an able preacher and a devoted Christian. He died several years ago. The second Pastor was Rev. John Dowling, D. D. He was called Jan. 23, 1850, and he resigned April 13, 1852. Dr. Dowling still lives in this City. He has preached for over forty years, never missing a Sunday on account of illness during that period. He is the author of a history of Romanism—a book which has had an extensive circulation. Although not regularly settled, Dr. Dowling still preaches nearly every Sunday. He is respected and loved by all who know him. Few men have done more or better work than he.

Rev. A. D. Gillette, D. D., was the third Pastor. He was called Aug. 1, 1852, and resigned Dec. 22, 1863. During his pastorate of eleven years the Church was greatly blessed. The location was changed to Twenty-third street, the present house was built, and all the interests of the Church were much prospered. Although it is only twenty-one years since their present house was built, it was then with great difficulty that a location "so far up town" could be agreed upon. But one man, Dr. Winter, now deceased, had the courage, at the first, to advocate going so far up. Others finally agreed with him, and the present site was selected. These facts seem almost incredible to-day, when already the members of the church begin to feel that they are a little "down town." Dr. Gillette is still in a vigorous old age. Quite recently he was installed as the Pastor of the Baptist Church in Sing Sing. His memory is still affectionately cherished in the Calvary Church. The fourth Pastor was Rev. R. J. W. Buckland, D. D. He was called Nov. 1, 1864, and he resigned Sept. 24, 1869. His preaching was marked by ripe scholarship, especially in historical subjects. He is now ably filling the Chair of Church History in the Rochester Theological Seminary.

Few churches have better laymen. They relieve the Pastor of much religious and of all the secular work. The Board of Trustees are as follows: Nathan Bishop, LL. D., William M. Isaacs, J. H. Merchant, George W. Fanning, George H. Chase, Henry C. Yale, J. H. Chapin, William A. Cauldwell, and Stephen H. Wilkins. The Board of Deacons is as follows: E. Cauldwell, William M. Isaacs, J. William Conklin, J. H. Merchant, L. P. Bayne, and Ransom Parker. Church Clerk, A. W. Rand. There is a successful Young People's Christian Association. Among its officers are L. A. Gould, E. A. Kent, A. W. Rand, L. H. Blackman, W. B. Tuthill, George Bayne, W. B. Sims, Jr. The Ladies' Benevolent Society accomplishes much good among the poor in our City and in the West during this severe Winter. Its leading officers are Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Cauldwell, and Mrs. Isaacs. William A. Cauldwell, Esq., is the Superintendent of the Home Sunday-school. The singing is Congregational, with a chorus choir to lead. It is under the charge of Prof. Chester G. Allen, with Mrs. Hull as soprano. Messrs. Blackman and Baker and Misses Harley and Conklin assist in the service of song. In all respects the church is well organized, and its work for the glory of God and the good of men is effectently performed.

REV. ROBERT S. MACARTHUR.

The present Pastor, Rev. Robert Stuart MacArthur, was called Feb. 25, 1870, while yet a student. He entered upon the active discharge of his duties on Sunday, May 15, 1870. Mr. MacArthur belongs to the younger clergy, being but thirty-three years of age. He came to this church direct from the Rochester Theological Seminary in 1870. The church called him to the pastorate some months before his graduation, and waited for him to complete his studies. He had preached a great deal and with success during his seminary course, and so had calls to the pastorate from other prominent churches at the time of his accepting the call of this congregation. His collegiate course was taken at the University of Rochester, where he stood high as a scholar, and especially as a speaker, taking the highest oratorical prizes—among others the senior gold medal. He prepared for college at the Canadian Literary Institute, at Woodstock, Ontario, of which Rev. Dr. Fyfe is Principal. For it should be remarked that Mr. MacArthur is a native of the Queen's dominions, his birthplace being the little village of Dalesville, on the Ottawa River, some fifty miles from Montreal. His parents, as his name might indicate, are of ancient Highland stock. They were both born in Scotland—the father at Glen Lyon, and the mother (a Stuart) at Argyle; and to this day their conversation between themselves and with the older ones of their kinsfolk is in their ancestral Gaelic. They were both of Presbyterian training, but the mother, when a young lady, came under the influence of the preaching of the Haldanes, thus contracting Baptist ideas, and when she came to make a profession of religion she united with a Baptist church, in which all her children followed her. Though Mr. MacArthur's father has lived for sixty years in Canada, the old gentleman still speaks of Scotland as "home." But he has good reason to be pleased with the New World, as he is reckoned among the wealthy men of his county, and has seen his children grow up to take positions of influence. Mr. MacArthur made a profession of religion at thirteen years of age. He always expected to enter business life, and it was not till he was seventeen years old that at a time of special religious interest in the Baptist Church at St. Andrews, under the care of Rev. John Dempsey, he determined to give himself to the work of the ministry. It may be remarked that the little Baptist church at Dalesville has, under the pastorate of Rev. John King, sent out some half-dozen young ministers, the faithful preacher, laboring in a comparatively obscure field, thus making his influence felt in a wide circle. Mr. MacArthur is an attractive speaker, his voice being ringing and pleasant, his articulation distinct, his action graceful and self-possessed, his style graphic, and his imagination vivid. He speaks generally without notes, but with the directness which shows thorough preparation. His manner is forcible, and his sermons have many thrilling passages, but there is never in them anything indicating an aiming at the sensational. He is an earnest, straightforward speaker—any graces of oratory appearing in his addresses being evidently unpremeditated. He shows marked ability in the conduct of the social meetings of his church, making them occasions of especial interest. In social life he is popular and gains a strong hold on the friendship and personal regard of all with whom he comes in contact. His decision to come to this city was deeply regretted by many of his friends. He came without any rest, after a long and severe course of study, taking charge of the church on the Sunday after his graduation. He came without any reputation to precede him. At the time of his acceptance of the call the church was in a disheartened and somewhat enfeebled condition. They had been a year without a Pastor; the congregations were small, and all the church interests were waning. With the commencement of his labors there were immediate signs of encouragement. The people came to hear the Word; the young especially flocked about him; increased interest was shown in all departments of church work. In the less than five years of his pastorate he has received over 300 persons into the church, more than doubling the number of its members. The pew-rentals have become sufficient to meet the $10,000 annually required for the current expenses of the church; about $10,000 has been expended on improvements to the house of worship; and over $100,000 has been raised by the congregation for objects of benevolence outside the affairs of the church. Ten thousand dollars was given last year by the church and Sunday-school to City missions. The church contributes sufficient to support several young men who are studying for the ministry. Mr. MacArthur has thrown his energies into general Christian work in the City. He is in close sympathy with every good work, whether of his own or of other denominations. But while thus liberal, he affirms that he is an earnest advocate of the peculiar principles of the Baptist denomination. He scouts indignantly that sham "liberalism" which seeks to sap the foundations of the principles of his denomination, as it seeks to emasculate the theology of the whole Christian Church. In his defenses of evangelical doctrine, and of the tenets of his own denomination, Mr. MacArthur stands by the old landmarks, and deems the old positions impregnable.

SERMON BY REV. MR. MAC ARTHUR YESTERDAY MORNING.

"My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death."—Matthew, xxvi, part of 38th verse.

Our object this morning is to discuss some of the elements of our Lord's mysterious sorrow in the garden. The subject is one of deep solemnity and great tenderness. Not at all times, nor in all frames of mind and heart, is it fitting to discuss such a subject as this. As Moses removed his shoes when he approached the holy ground of the burning bush, so should we strive to banish all unholy thoughts when we walk beneath the olive trees of Gethsemane and gaze on the cross of Calvary. The history of the race is one of sin and sorrow; it is also one of grace and glory. Three wonderful gardens are there in that history—Eden, Gethsemane, Paradise. Lost in Eden, we were redeemed in Gethsemane, and those who are thus redeemed shall be glorified in Paradise. The first is a history of sin and sorrow on our part; the second is a history of sorrow without sin on Christ's part; the last will be a scene of neither sin nor sorrow. We look with shame to Eden, with sorrow to Gethsemane, and with humble, holy joy to Paradise. But Gethsemane we must visit before we can reach Paradise. To that scene of sorrow let us go this morning.

We go out of the eastern gate of the City of Jerusalem, down a steep and abrupt hill, across the bed, over which, at certain seasons of the year, passes the dark-flowing Kedron, and now on our right lies the Garden of Gethsemane. It is a small plot of ground, nearly square, and now surrounded with a fence of rough stone surmounted with stucco. Within the enclosure are eight venerable olive trees. Beneath their shade Christ bowed in his agony. It is night in Jerusalem. The lights are out. The streets are silent. The pilgrims in their tents on the hill-side sleep. The moon at this Passover season shines brightly. Christ and eleven of his disciples pass over the track we have described and enter the garden. Eight disciples are left near the entrance; three—the elect within the elect, the three who were admitted to witness the miracle of raising the Ruler's daughter, the three who had been with Him "in the holy mount," and having seen the glory of the transfiguration were prepared for the humiliation of the garden—He takes with him to a little distance within the shade of the garden. And now the wave of His mysterious sorrow rolls over Him. Even from these He withdraws Himself a little space. He prays; He returns; He departs to pray again; He returns, He departs; He kneels, He falls prostrate, He agonizes; great drops as it were blood fall upon the ground. He triumphs. The contest is over; the conquest is won. He returns in calmness to His sleeping disciples, and awaits in perfect peace the approach of His betrayer. This great sorrow is something to us "who pass by." We shall "behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto His sorrow, wherewith the Lord afflicted Him in the day of His fierce anger."

This is a mysterious sorrow. Some of its elements, however, we can understand. Let us reverently examine these, and see whether they will explain its intensity and bitterness. If not, another cause will be suggested. The ingratitude of those for whom he lived and died was an element in that sorrow. Christ was keenly alive to every expression of ingratitude. There are many hints given of this fact. He healed ten lepers. Nine went their way; one returned to express joy and gratitude. Christ asks sadly after the nine selfish and ungrateful ones. He said mournfully that He came unto His own, but they received Him not. His heart revealed its deep loneliness, when He compared Himself with the foxes who had holes, and the birds who had nests, while He had not where to lay His head. Earth, cursed by sin, had no resting-place for its Maker and Lord. When it would exalt Him it did so by a cross; when it would crown Him it did so with thorns. How a child's ingratitude breaks a parent's heart! How the ingratitude of the poor dries up the fountains of love in the hearts of the benevolent rich! Christ was subject to a similar law. His nation's ingratitude and hate were a heavy sorrow. His own family even did not believe in Him. The people who shouted "hozanna" one day, shouted "crucify" the next. Is it not also true that the ingratitude of all rejectors, in every age, was present to his mind? If so, then, friends, our hardness of heart, our unbelief, our disobedience, was an element in Christ's sorrow. You unconverted children of godly parents, hearers but not doers of the word, you rolled a wave of sorrow over Christ's soul. O, look to-day into that garden where Jesus groans and prays for you! See his tear-stained face! Hear His agonizing moan! Then let your heart break, and your stubborn will relent. O, friends unreconciled to God, your ingratitude, your procrastination and disobedience are wicked and cruel. Cease now, I pray you, this weak and wicked rebellion. I would win you to Christ now—now while we gaze on Him in the garden.

The treachery, denial, and desertion on the part of his friends made another element in that nameless sorrow. While, as we shall see before we close, this sorrow was, in some of its elements, far above human thought, in other elements it was intensely human. It was sad enough to Christ that of all that vast host that welcomed him on Sunday there should not be one on Friday to utter a word in his behalf. It was sad enough that of all the thousands whom he had cured, fed, and blessed in so many ways, not one would stand by him in Pilate's hall. There was but one who spoke a word in his defense, and that one did not belong to the chosen people—the wife of the heathen Pilate. But saddest of all, in the chosen twelve one was a betrayer, one a denier, and all were deserters. "They all forsook him and fled." Oh, base ingratitude! Oh, shameful cowardice! But shall I speak harshly of them and not also justly of ourselves? Their minds were distracted with many doubts which now are cleared away. They groped in the dawn; we walk in the noon-day. Their sin was great; ours is greater. Many times since then has Christ been denied, deserted, betrayed, by his professed friends. In social life, in the marts of trade, in the halls of sinful amusement, Jesus has been despised and rejected. And all this he foresaw. That wicked act of yours last week was a pang in Christ's heart. That absence from the house of God; that neglect of family or secret prayer—oh, these were part of Christ's great sorrow on that terrible night. Shall we continue in sin? Can we, dare, we love and practice that which slew our Lord?

The sorrows to which his people would be exposed was an element in that grief. The joys and sorrows of his people Christ made his own. On this Thursday night he realized—perhaps even more than he did on the previous Sunday when he wept over Jerusalem—what the Jewish nation incurred by his rejection. He saw that Jerusalem, the city of song and story, would soon be destroyed. He saw that God's chosen people would soon be scattered over the earth. All the horrors of the awful siege of Jerusalem were present to his view. Roman horses were to bathe their fetlocks in Jewish blood. Parents in the pangs of hunger were to destroy their own children. They would have no king but Cæsar. God gave them their wish, and Cæsar crushed them to the earth. Scattered over the world, despised and hated of all men, the Jews were to see their land trodden by the foot of the heathen Roman and the infidel Turk. Their prayer was answered. The blood of Christ was upon them, not to save but to destroy. Now, to Jesus as a man,

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MORAL DEVELOPMENT NOT SO GREAT AS PHYSICAL—THE DANGER OF GIVING UP AN OLD BELIEF—A POOR RELIGION BETTER THAN NONE—WORDS DO NOT MAKE QUALITY.

The superintendents of the Brooklyn City railroad lines passing Orange street, looked out of their windows upon the beautiful morning yesterday and ordered extra cars to be put on between the hours of 10 and 1 o'clock. Their foresight was more than repaid. Each of the cars was a crush in itself. On the way down a young gentleman, evidently a stranger, solicitously asked the conductor of a Greenwood car to stop at Orange street. This innocent request brought a broad smile to the faces of the other passengers, and drew upon the unfortunate young man the eyes of all. The conducter responded, "Don't be afraid. That's our principal way station." In the neighborhood of Plymouth Church all the streets leading to it were seen to be filled with streams of human beings all pouring toward the common centre. Outside of the church itself, although it was not yet the hour of beginning service, a crowd of two or three hundred persons were standing, anxiously awaiting an opportunity to enter. Inside the church there was the usual crush. On the top step of the platform on the right stood a huge flower-pot containing a growing bush flecked with hundreds of white azalias. On the table at the left of the Pastor's chair, was a slender frosted glass stand, sustaining a bouquet of tinted leaves, violets, and snowdrops, out of the top of which sprang six golden-hued jonquils. Tiny vines interspersed with violets crept around the base of the stand and encircled its shaft, losing themselves in the mass of leaves above. At 10:30 Miss Lasar began to sing;

"The marvlous work, behold amazed!"

from Haydn's "Creation," the choir joining, now the bass, now the contraltos, and then all together, with fine effect. Mr. Beecher entered during the singing, and mounting the platform, quickly threw off his cloak and dropped into his chair. He was flushed, and looked to be suffering from a heavy cold. To this was added an air of intense weariness, as though he had been watching for many nights. The voluntary ended, Mr. Beecher arose and prayed in a low voice for "deliverence out of the captivity of darkness and doubt," and for Divine guidance into the full acceptance of the promises of the Redeemer. He then read the psalm beginning, "My feet are almost gone. * * * I am envious of the prosperity of the fool," &c. The 199th hymn was then sung by the congregation—

"Come, Thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing."

Mr. Beecher then offered a long and eloquent prayer for everybody and everything. "Look upon us," he said, "with that compassion which belongs to Thee because Thou art God! Thou who art perfect, look with compassion upon our sins! Thou who art incarnate wisdom, look with compassion upon our ignorance! Thou who art truly great, look with compassion upon our poor, foolish, stumbling ways. Thine eyes descend to all places where trouble exists. Thou hast been pleased to say that Thou wouldst be with the sinful and the contrite. Once we feared Thee because Thou wert justice, and justice meant sweeping condemnation. There was no hope until we learned of Thy mercy. We rejoice that Thou hast not compassion upon covenants; that Thou art not bound by arrangements such as imperfect men form for their guidance. Grant that we may not be led into transgressions because Thou art so good. To those who are in darkness and tears and great heart-troubles be Thou a solace. We pray that the blessings of the Gospel may be still more diffused through the instrumentality of this church, and that those who are wearied because of the delay may be patient. Grant that the day may speedily come when there will be no more idols, no more superstition, no more ignorance, no more intolerance, and no more persecution."

Mr. Beecher announced that his place would be filled in the evening by Rev. Dr. Anderson, of the Strong Place Baptist Church. Several lectures and entertainments received complimentary notices, and the congregation sang the 725th hymn, omitting the third verse:

"How firm the foundation, ye saints of the Lord."

Mr. Beecher again arose, doffed his overcoat, and taking his text from Jeremiah, vi., 16, and xviii., 15, proceeded to deliver one of his most eloquent discourses, on the folly of relying upon one's individual experience in the search after the truths of religion. The sermon abounded with witticisms, and his listeners were frequently convulsed with laughter. At other times the speaker rose to a climax of passionate fervor, and they were spell-bound. He had apparently not had sufficient time to prepare himself, for he was constantly compelled to refer to his notes. But this did not seem to have the slightest effect upon the flow of the thought, or the aptness of the illustrations which formed the body of the discourse. After a learned disquisition on the analogy of the term path, used in the text, as applied to a physical road and to moral conduct and customs, he spoke of the necessity of making use of old ways—of ascertained ways—if we want to go aright. "It may sound strange," he said, "to hear me advocating old customs, old paths, old anything, whose life has been a continual incitement to new things—to development, to ongoing. As if that could be a wise conservatism, or a wise progressiveness, that ignored the other! We are to hold on to all that ripe experience has shown to be beneficial, until something else is shown to be more beneficial. There is something in our age that revolts at the idea of going in the old ways. We think that our institutions are newer than they are. Our ideas have been imported from ancient Assyria, Palestine, Egypt, and Rome, and from mediæval Europe. No man can sift these ideas and say they are modern. They are the result of thousands of years of thinking. Nor are our institutions new. They have gradually unfolded through thousands of years. We didn't first dig up the precious gold. We are not half so wise as we take ourselves to be. Yet this is the spirit of Young America—to glory that we belong to an age when men may fly. Our civilization will die with us, however, if our descendants do not borrow it.

Within the last fifty years there has probably been the most active outbreak of thinking in history. Religious freedom and scientific discoveries and prophecies have inflamed the minds of the young. The consequence is that men are inclined to doubt the value of past results and experiences, as if there are not some things that, learned once, are learned forever! This leads many to throw distrust on the religious teachings they hear. It is a sort of general distrust, and not a positive disbelief, but it is just as mischievous, for it anything gives validity to religion it is faith. The general uprising of thought, and the changes that are taking place in old customs, breeds in the minds of the young, especially if they have the common quality of more conceit than brains, an idea that religion is well enough to lubricate the pathway of life, but otherwise it is not worth bothering with. Then comes the question whether a larger liberality in morals than before be not advisable, and a mischievously-enlarged sociality is formed, which unlocks all that is animal in man. Because religious forms, which were formerly supposed to be founded on Divine authority are found not to be of Divine authority, thousands reject them altogether. If the church be a vital necessity to society, does it become less so for lack of Divine authority? The public schools are wise and necessary, but they are not ordered in the Bible. Does that detract from their goodness? In their adaptation and fruit they are just as strong as though the word of God were at their back. Because men see the grounds of religious faith changing, they say religion is worthless. Thousands are abandoning old religions, old paths, old virtues, old manhood. Nor do I mean the offscourings. The tendency is very largely developed in literature, criticism, art, journalism. I think I speak within bounds when I say that to-day the educated minds of England, Germany, France, and America are tending away from religion. It is not skepticism, but a departure from old customs without philosophical reason for doing so. It is atmosphere. Thus, the question becomes an important one to those who believe, as I do, that Christianity is the leaven of worldly civilization, and that departure from it can only result in later reaction to the old starting-point. I am not one who would circumscribe liberty or put you under the domination of rules and ceremonies, but for many reasons I wish to call you to the consideration of certain great permanencies which are peculiarly necessary to the young, and especially at this day.

We must never fall into the error of supposing that moral development is so great as physical development. Men say that we are living in a quicker age, that we plow by steam and talk across the sea, and that it is a shame for the mind to lag behind in the race of progress. Progress is always quickest in its lowest attributes. A nation may build the best ships, may grow immense crops of grain, may manufacture the finest articles, but it does not follow because a man can do these things that he can be more generous or more pure-minded. You can teach men to eat better food, to live in better houses, but to cause them to be more just or more merciful is a slower process, and to restrain their appetites is slower yet. There is nothing so slow of development as the attributes that are divinest. There is no analogy.

We must also recognize the danger of giving up any belief which is entwined around our moral sense. Man is born at the bottom and is obliged to go up steadily, as by a ladder. Suppose a man after placing his foot upon a round should call to his servant to saw it off and throw it away! When he had taken forty steps he would be on the ground where he started. [Laughter.] What would be thought of a man ambitious to rise in literature, who would despise the alphabet? [Laughter.] The alphabet was as useful to Isaac Newton at fifty years of age as at five. It is not safe to knock away the imperfect elements of man's belief, unless we replace them with something better. The Parsee's worship of the light is a thousand times better than no God at all. It is a great deal better for a man to think the Church supreme rather than God, of whom the Church is but an institution, than not to believe in either. What can we say to the devout, full-hearted Catholic praying to the Virgin Mary? Nothing, unless we can preach to him a God with the attributes he seeks in the Virgin. Show him a God who has those qualities in an infinitely greater degree, and the Virgin will die out. It is not safe to take away that man's symmetrical religion, with its faith in priests, its sacrifices, and its ritual, and to leave only a desert. It is a very dangerous thing for a man to pass from the religion of his youth to a new religion in his manhood. Many have left the harbor of Popery and got wrecked before they reached Protestantism. Many have left heathenism who never reached Christianity. A careful gardener does not lop off all the useless branches of an apple tree at once. He cuts, part this year and part next year. If this is necessary in a dumb tree how much more so in a sensitive human being. We may cure a man of Papacy and not make a Protestant of him. I would rather have a good Catholic than a bad Protestant, and either rather than a person who is neither. [Laughter.]

We consider men of other faiths than ours our lawful prey. As if changing religion changes conscience and reason. When we relinquish a practice it should always be from poor to better. It does not do so well to convince a person of his poverty as to show him something better. I find myself in the cabin of a rough pioneer out in the backwoods somewhere. What is the use of my pointing out to him the coarseness of his fare, and describing the luxuries of civilization? But suppose I place a loaf of fine bread on his table. He scalps it, and puts a piece in his mouth [smacking his lips.] 'Where did you get this?' he says. [Laughter at Mr. Beecher's comical pantomime.] Isn't there more conviction in a piece of good bread than in forty arguments against throat-scratching bread? You may say to a man, 'Your road is ramshornical.' [Laughter.] Shut it up.' But how will he get to market? Isn't a poor road better than no road at all? Men will come where they can see better fruits than they have been accustomed to. The devoutness of a good Catholic is the fruit of his religion. I would go into the Catholic Church myself if I could not get better fruits anywhere else. If you hold out to a man a better system of religion than his, the proof of it is you are a better man than he is. I meet my friend who was bad with the rheumatism and accost him, 'Halloa, who has produced this wonderful cure?' He answers that he went to such a physician. Another friend comes along, [laughter,] who says: 'I've got the only physician who is any good.' [Renewed laughter.] By their fruits ye shall know them. Sects never make much progress except as political parties do, by base, underhand means. Some sailors have escaped from a wreck. They are huddled on a raft composed of some spars and a piece of sail, in mid-ocean. They have a cask or two of water, and some biscuits, about as scant a provision for a journey of a thousand miles to shore as need be. Would you advise them to get off? True, that would be an end to the journey. [Laughter.] In the afternoon a boat comes along. It is crowded and poorly provisioned, but they are permitted to come on board. That is better. Toward night a fishing-smack sails up and they get in her. How glad they are; and they have reason, although the smack is but a small concern. Next morning a steamer heaves in sight, and they are transferred to her. But they are not near so happy as when she lands them on the good, broad, solid continent.

Don't change for the sake of changing. New truths must be fermented like wine. I am not a disciple of Darwin or Huxley, yet I thank God for them. I think that much that they write is true, and much is not yet true. The germ is there, but it must be developed. Shall men abandon old truths and rush to take up these nebulous embryos, which are not yet ready to bloom and bear fruit? They must be probated first. One man's discovery must be ransacked by a thousand men, and its applicability to human institutions determined, and he is not wise who abandons the faith of his fathers for theories in their early state before he knows what they are. I am far from urging young men to hang like parasitic vines on the trunk of old trees. I do not do it myself, and I don't want you to do it. But old truths are not to be thrown away because something new looms up that may be added to them or may modify them. Some say that every man ought to be independent and find out things for himself. Suppose I tell a dandy that he should make his own boots and clothing. He will answer me no; that the men can make them better than he. The custom of life is that men shall thus depend upon one another, but in religion it is considered unmanly to let others think for you. Lindley says, in the introduction to his botany, that no man can hope to become perfect unless he devotes himself to a single branch of that science, as music, for instance. Is religion itself seems a small affair in the midst of so many different sciences. How, then, can a man hope to be a master of religion, which is the central city of all the sciences? How absurd to say to a young man, whose encyclopedia is the morning newspaper, 'Why not think for yourself?' You might as well tell me to make the bureaus and chairs, every thing in my house. It is said that once upon a time the Connecticut Legislature—I believe, there is some truth in this—resolved that the colony should be governed by the laws of the Old Testament and of God, until they should have time to devise better laws. [Great laughter.] There was sense in this. It is better for a man to abide by the laws of God until he can find something better. It is wisdom to cling to the faith of our fathers and mothers until we see our way clear to a better faith.

One word about new truths and their advocates. Words do not make quality. Men are not orthodox because they say they are. Men talk about developing their lives to the finding out of truth, as if no one else had done so until this day. This is arrogance, conceit, dogmatism. [Mr. Beecher was now sitting on the arm of his chair, and talking in colloquial style.] They have their fun about roaring Methodists, strait-laced Presbyterians, and no-laced Congregationalists. They say there may be a God, but they have not found him out yet. These new [rising] are no better than other men. They are just as likely to be proud and conceited and to quarrel, and they do quarrel. They are all human and in no sense to be absolute authorities for anybody. There are many who follow them from afar off. Although the models are bad enough, these monkey disciples are worse. [Laughter.] They take the soapsuds of science and, sticking their clay-pipe into it, blow a bubble in which they think they see God, but it is nothing but a distorted reflection of their own countenances. [Laughter.]

Whatever may be taught, it is certain that the flesh of man will ever battle with the spirit of man, and that the right will always be with the spirit. Anything that energies our appetites is surely wrong. All tendencies that increase our self-conceit are to be suspected. You may grind a man all up, and the last thing to be destroyed is his self-conceit. [Laughter.] It teaches a man not truth, but a reflection of himself. Our democratic republican form of government is constantly tending to make us self-laudatory. As a nation, we have a false vanity in our pride; both are bad, but pride is comparatively a tower of strength. All tendencies that blot out of man the tenderness of God, must inevitably degrade. Man is considered relatively to the interest God takes in him. How can we make a hero out of the thing of an hour? You might as well take the Summer midges executing a fandango play in the sunshine and resolve them into immortal beings. The doctrine of annihilation takes away the rights of the poor. The hog knows the law of his being, and does not fall below it; but the drunken, lewd, spewing wretch perverts the knowledge he has. Why is he not hanged or got rid of in some way? Because there is in him a likeness to the Creator. He is sacred to God. Take away immortality, and you take out the foundations of society; down come laws and institutions, and men, after awhile, are compelled to go back and begin to build over again."

The sermon ended with a prayer, after which the congregation sang the 868th hymn, beginning:

"Oft, when the waves of passion rise."

The blessing was then given, and the audience slowly dispersed, many, as usual, waiting to congratulate the Pastor, and many others through morbid curiosity, to watch his every look and gesture.

A MARINE FIRE ENGINE.

Within the next two weeks a great acquisition will be made to the Fire Department of the City by placing in active service the new steam fire propeller William H. Havemeyer. The building of the Havemeyer was ordered by the Commissioners last Spring at an expense of $25,000, and the contract was awarded to the well-known ship-builder, Mr. Henry Steer, who built the famous steam-yacht America, and other swift-sailing vessels of light tonnage. Her furniture and machinery, both of which are of the most approved and modern pattern, are now undergoing the finishing touches at Camden, N. J. When completed in all departments she will proceed to this City, where she will immediately take on her crew. This will consist of twelve men, including her Captain, one engineer, and one assistant engineer. Her pumps are the same as those used on the street fire engines, but of larger dimensions and proportionately more powerful and can be so arranged as to enable her to throw twelve streams of water, which can be brought to bear on fires, not only among the shipping and piers, but also upon burning buildings a distance of a block away from the river. She will thus accomplish the work of a dozen ordinary fire engines, in addition to the great service she will render in saving shipping by separating vessels from burning craft or sheds. It is probable that the crew will receive the same compensation as is given to the members of the uniformed force on land.

AID FOR CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

The Commissioners of Charities and Correction on Saturday issued to the New-York Infant Asylum and the Foundling Asylum, under the care of the Sisters of Charity, copies of the following certificates of the cost of maintaining the children at the Nursery on Randall's Island, to enable them to secure a corresponding amount from the City for the maintenance of the children in their charge:

FEB. 13, 1875.

Hon. Andrew H. Green:

SIR: In conformity with the action of the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, taken this day, I hereby certify that the sum of $2 80.58 was the actual cost for the care and maintenance of each infant per week in the Infants' Hospital; and the sum of $85 89.44 is was the actual cost for the maintenance and hospital care for each child over the age of eighteen months in the Nursery and Hospital on Randall's Island for the year 1874. By order. JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

FRUITS OF THE SCANDAL.

INCIDENTS IN AND OUT OF THE COURT.

RESULTS OF HEATED DISCUSSION—CHARACTER SPECTATORS—HINTS FOR COMEDY APPROPRIATED BY MR. TISH—THE ORDER OF THE TRIAL TO-DAY AND HEREAFTER.

As the facts pertaining to the Beecher-Tilton scandal are being gradually developed by the efforts of the counsel engaged in the case, the interest felt by the public in the matter becomes stronger and more pronounced. Especially in Brooklyn is this the case, where friendships of long duration have been broken and marriage engagements sundered, owing to differences of opinion regarding the affair. Men having not the slightest previous acquaintance with each other, on hearing an opinion publicly expressed, either shake hands with the warmth of old friends or quarrel with the acerbity of enemies. If any one questions the truth of this statement, he has only to visit a large drinking saloon in Fulton street kept by a Mr. Slane. Behind the bar is hung a large placard, "No discussion about the Beecher-Tilton trial is allowed in this establishment." Two strangers began arguing the merits of the case. One was a pronounced advocate of Beecher, the other a firm believer in Tilton. The discussion grew warm, and finally the Beecher man, catching up a large ice-pitcher standing on the bar, threw it at the head of his opponent. His aim was not as firm as his intention, and the missile, flying wide of its mark, demolished a pier-glass worth over $100. The next morning, Mr. Slane hung up the placard. His example has been followed by many other saloon-keepers. The audience in the court-room, for incongruity and abnormal character, fully equals the actors in the suit. It was well described by a court officer who said: "There are the rich men, who have nothing else to do; there are the bummers, who never do anything, and there are the women, who can't tell what brings them here." The same faces appear in the same seats regularly every morning, and men who at the beginning of the case regarded their neighbors in the next seats with suspicion, now recognize and chat with them as with old friends. The merchant mingles with the politician, the minister with the publican, and the eye of Mr. P. T. Barnum, projector of "the happy family," would indeed be gladdened could he observe the manner in which these human lions and lambs lie down together in peace.

The sympathetic auditor is a wonderful incongruity. He is forty-five years old, with bald head and watery blue eyes. He always looks as if a sympathetic tear was about trickling down his cheek, which never does trickle. His hands are constantly clasped around the large ivory head of his cane, and the intensity of his emotions are measured by the closeness of the clutch he bestows upon his support. At one stage of the proceedings he pities poor Mrs. Tilton; ten minutes after he considers the plaintiff deeply wronged, and barely half an hour after he remarks how great a misfortune such a noble man as Mr. Beecher should be subjected to such a trial. When he leaves court his feeble little heart flutters in sympathy with all, and he knows far less about the merits of the matter than he did when he came in the morning.

The imaginative man is an amusing feature. His mind is too wandering to grasp the foundation of the cause, and he flits from one possibility to another in such marvelous gyrations of fancy that his hearers regard him in the light of a comedian expressly furnished for their amusement. He continually runs his hand through his long and tangled hair, and caresses his forehead as if persuading his brains not to leave him. While the examination is proceeding he makes suggestions or declarations to the unimaginative man on his right, who regards him with horror and hatred. At a pause in Mr. Evarts' cross-examination he whispers, "Now he'll burst him," and when Mr. Evarts' next question proves a very simple one, he imagines that it lays the foundation for some evidence whose extraordinary character is only known to the defendant's counsel, will only be made known when the defense is entered on, and is now hidden from the public. The trial, if prolonged to the extent of the Tichborne trial, will accomplish one public service in causing the death of the imaginative man.

The audience, considered as American, would not be complete without a minstrel performer, and he is there in the person of Mr. Tish, the only rival Nelse Seymour had, as far as length and quaintness of appearance is concerned. Mr. Tish's legs are so long that he does not know what to do with them. Occasionally he tries to double them up under the chair he is sitting on, but the effort invariably proves a failure, and he is compelled to stretch them out before him, thus exciting to humor the hurried trampling of the eager crowd. He sits down with the reporters, gravely produces a note-book, and waits developments. When Fullerton cracks a joke, the spectators observe a wide chasm suddenly open in Tish's face, and the sound of his pencil is heard as he commits the witticism to paper, with additions and gaps of his own. The trial over, Tish moves his legs, and without any difficulty reaches the corridor despite the intervening crowd. For over an hour he will then drink lager, and fashion the jokes until they assume the extended and inimitable form in which he serves them to the public. He is regarded with reverence by the reporters, the Judge, and the officers.

The cross-examination of Tilton will be resumed and concluded by Mr. Evarts to-day. Then will come a redirect examination by Judge Fullerton and a recross by Mr. Evarts. After Tilton, either Mrs. Moulton or Mr. Frank B. Carpenter, the artist, will be the next witness examined on the part of the plaintiff.

THE ICE CROP.

A FAVORABLE SEASON—AN IMMENSE AND SUPERIOR HARVEST.

The ice crop of this year, judging from the activity which characterized the harvesting of past weeks along the Hudson, between Poughkeepsie and Albany, promises to be the most abundant that has been gathered in many seasons. In 1873 the quantity housed was 1,408,500 tons, and last year, when the harvesting was delayed by the severity of the weather, the amount was less, and of an inferior quality. This season no impediments of any kind have been met with, and, as a consequence, the ice already stored is greater in quantity and superior to the crops of several years back.

The Hudson *Daily Star* publishes some interesting facts regarding the harvests of Hudson River companies in former seasons, comparing them with this year's harvesting. The crop of 1860 was less than 450,000 tons. The Knickerbocker Company alone has put away this year 878,000 tons, which amount is distributed among its twenty-three store-houses as follows:

Rockland Lake, 90,000; Lake Mohaugh, 20,000; Highland Lake, 40,000; Marlborough, 30,000; Poughkeepsie, 60,000; Staatsburg, 25,000; Esopus, 60,000; Rondout, 15,000; Rhinebeck, 30,000; Flatbush, 50,000; Barrytown, 30,000; opposite Barrytown, 15,000; Turkey Point, 40,000; Glasco, 15,000; Eavesport, 20,000; Catskill, 40,000; Hamburg, 50,000; Barren Island, 30,000; Athens, 60,000; Coxsackie, 75,000; New-Baltimore, 20,000; Little Flatbush, 80,000; Schodack, 65,000; total, 878,000 tons.

To this quantity of newly-stored ice may be added about 20,000 tons purchased of Eastern companies in the Summer of 1874, when the New-York companies found that their stock had diminished so much as to make it impossible to supply their customers. In storing the late immense crop, the total number of men employed was 5,675; boys, 1,093; horses, 476; engines, 24.

THEFT OF CIGARS.

A few nights ago the liquor store of Ernest H. Guhr, at No. 674 Eighth avenue, was burglariously entered, and cigars and liquors of the value of $222 stolen therefrom. Officers Davis and O'Brien, of the Twenty-third Precinct, on Thursday traced sixteen boxes of the cigars to the rear tenement No. 692 Eighth avenue, where they arrested two young men named James Brown and Joseph Rogers. The prisoners were arraigned at the Yorkville Police Court and remanded to enable the officers to complete the chain of evidence against them. On Saturday night Brown and Rogers confessed that they were the burglars, and gave information which led to the recovery of the sixteen boxes, and assures the finding of the remaining plunder. They were yesterday committed in default of $2,000 bail each, by Justice Murray. A woman who had been arrested on suspicion of complicity in the robbery was discharged.

YOUTHFUL GAMING.

At the Yorkville Police Court yesterday Officers Handy and Mallon, of the Eighteenth Precinct, arraigned before Justice Murray the twenty-six boys and young men who were arrested on Saturday night when the Police made a raid on the "confectionery" establishment kept by William Hodges, at No. 511 East Sixteenth street. The front part of the premises is occupied by Hodges as a store, wherein nothing more harmful than candy and toys are sold. In the rear are two rooms which he had fitted up as a gaming establishment. This place was daily frequented by the youth of the neighborhood. The Police have received many complaints from residents that the peace of the vicinity was being disturbed, and that a number of wagons and peasers-by had been robbed by the frequenters of Hodges' place. The officers were unable to identify more than five or six of the prisoners as persons of bad character, and they had not sufficient evidence to convict them of any crime. All were discharged except Hodges, who was held to answer.

TAMMANY HALL SCHEMING.

INTENT OF THE COSTIGAN BILL—THE REMOVAL OF REPUBLICAN OFFICIALS—HOW TO CIRCUMVENT CONTROLLER GREEN—A SLIPPERY PROGRAMME.

Leading men of the Tammany Hall party say that if the Costigan bill to enable the Mayor to remove officials without the sanction of the Governor is not passed by the Legislature, there will be, notwithstanding, a clean sweep from office made of everybody not in entire sympathy with the Tammany Hall organization. Their ejectment from office is only a question of a few weeks at most. In the event of the defeat of the bill the Mayor will prefer charges in the way at present prescribed, and recommend the removal of nearly everybody appointed to place by Mayor Havemeyer except the Health Commissioners. In the Health Department no changes are contemplated. The nature of most of the charges upon which removals are to be made has been hinted at in THE TIMES. The charges which will be preferred against Corporation Counsel Smith are the same which Mayor Havemeyer considered, and it is alleged that they were originally prepared by Mr. Charles O'Conor, and approved of as just reasons for Mr. Smith's removal from office by Gov. Tilden before his election.

The charges against Commissioner Van Nort relate chiefly to alleged corruption in his office in the awarding of special contracts, of which some statements were published in THE TIMES about a year ago. The Tammany leaders profess to believe that Mr. Van Nort, sooner than have the matter in regard to special contracts investigated, will resign, and the fact of his willingness to do so to prevent the threatened investigation, they say, gave rise a short time ago to a rumor that his written resignation was in the hands of the Mayor.

The charges to be brought against the Dock Commissioners are mainly of mismanagement of the affairs of the department, as in the purchase of $100,000 worth of piles when they could not be used, the City losing the interest on the money, as well as being obliged to pay for their storage. It is also alleged that the department has rented one of the piers of the City for $1,500 per annum, when it could have been rented for $3,000. In regard to the Fire Commissioners, the alleged "job" in the purchase of the aerial ladder and official corruption in the purchase of supplies, will be made the basis of charges. Legal minds in the Tammany organization are busily studying out some plan by which Police Commissioners Matsell, Voorhis, and Bleecker can be removed, but nothing definite has been ascertained of the nature of the proposed charges. The great problem presented to the politicians who are endeavoring to push Controller Green out of office is that they can find no grounds for his removal which they believe would prove satisfactory to the people. He is charged generally with obstruction of the public business and with putting the Corporation to unnecessary expense in litigation, but there appears to be great difficulty in proving these allegations. The Governor's friendship for Mr. Green and faith in his integrity, it is believed, would prevent him from sanctioning the Controller's removal without there was very strong evidence presented of corruption in his department.

Because of the Governor's confidence in Mr. Green it has been decided at the Saturday caucuses of the party in this City that the Costigan bill shall be carried through the Legislature if possible, so that the Governor can be relieved from the necessity of considering charges against Mr. Green, who will be removed if the bill becomes a law. If the bill is defeated, as is believed very probable in some quarters, then charges will be preferred by the Mayor, it is said by those who know, against Mr. Green and the other officials, and their removal will be recommended. If the Governor refuses to sanction the removal of Mr. Green then there will be an open rupture between him and the Tammany Hall organization. It is believed by the Tammany leaders that Gov. Tilden will sanction the recommendation to remove on such charges as may be presented by Mayor Wickham, if it is made a party question, and in presence of the fact that he would nominate a Democrat to support the local organization if he should refuse. There is some hope, however, in the party that the bill may be carried through the Senate if it passes the House, by means of bargains with Republican Senators who have personal interests to be subserved in the City; and, in order to secure the passage of the bill, the Tammany leaders are willing that a certain proportion of Republican officials shall be retained in and appointed to office. Shrewd Republicans, however, are of the opinion that, if such a bargain was made, it would not be kept in good faith, but that the Mayor, invested with power to remove at will, would, after his appointment by Republican officials, soon remove them from office on some frivolous pretext. The feeling of dissatisfaction prevalent some time since among the Tammany politicians against Mayor Wickham has ceased, and he is coming to be regarded as a man after their own heart. John Kelly, by his victory over Mr. Waterbury in the Tammany Society, has also become more firmly seated on the Tammany throne, and everything is harmonious and everybody happy, with the prospect of good offices and a feast on the City Treasury. Among the rumors afloat is one that Ex-Judge Gunning S. Bedford will be appointed a Police Commissioner when there is a vacancy, and it is also stated by good authority that Gen. Shaler will be reappointed a Fire Commissioner.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Permit me to correct a statement made by your reporter in his account of the sale of "Mlle. Leonie Jouvin's treasures," which appeared in your paper of to-day. I beg to say that no member of my family had any interest, either directly or indirectly, in the articles in question.

J. H. DRAPER.

UNION CLUB, SUNDAY, Feb. 14, 1875.

A "MURDERED MAN" IN COURT.

In the Hudson County, N. J., Court of Sessions, on Saturday, Judge Hoffman presiding, Thomas Leonard was convicted of having committed an atrocious assault upon one Eli Schoonmaker. Both the parties to the suit are canal men. Their boats met, some months ago, at a point near Greenville, and a dispute arose as to who of them should drop his line to allow the other to pass. Words soon came to blows, and Leonard finally threw stones. One of the missiles struck Schoonmaker on the head, and he fell unconscious to the deck. The boats then passed along, and upon the arrival of Schoonmaker's boat in Easton, Penn., his wife thought he was dead. She immediately returned to Jersey City, and charged Leonard with murder. Leonard was arrested, but upon reaching the Justice's office was, to his surprise, confronted by the reported dead man. The "murdered" man appeared in court against Leonard, and told his story with all the unction of a living man. The case was given to the jury yesterday morning, and they, after a few minutes' deliberation, returned a verdict of guilty. Leonard was remanded to jail to await sentence, which will probably be pronounced on Friday next.

DISGUSTING EFFECT OF RUM.

On Saturday night William Quigg, of No. 651 East Ninth street, entered the liquor store of Edward Hare, No. 233 Avenue C, in a drunken and quarrelsome condition. Dennis Gallagher was sitting in the saloon drinking, and, without any cause whatever, Quigg attacked him and, knocking him down and beating him badly, bit off most of his under lip. Quigg was arrested by Officer Holbrook, of the Thirteenth Precinct, and at Essex Market Police Court yesterday Justice Sherwood held him in $1,000 bail on a charge of mayhem.

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

Mlle. Albani is at the Clarendon Hotel.

Vice President Henry Wilson is at the Grand Central Hotel.

Ex-Congressman John Rogers, of Black Brook, N. Y., is at the Metropolitan Hotel.

Ex-Gov. Robert McClelland, of Michigan; ex-Congressman Jacob Benton, of New-Hampshire, and Assemblyman James Mackin, of Fishkill, N. Y., are at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

THE NEW-JERSEY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

The Summer before last a commission of gentlemen, appointed by Gov. Parker, projected a number of important amendments to the Constitution of the State of New-Jersey. Before becoming a part of the Constitution these amendments must have been ratified by the action of three separate Legislatures. The amendments were submitted to and adopted by the Legislature of last year, and they have been passed by the Senate this year. They have been made the special order for Tuesday next in the Assembly. It is reported now that the Democratic members of that body have united in factious opposition to the proposed amendments, and that the lower house will refuse to ratify them. This will necessitate the calling of another commission to devise needed amendments.

THE CONVENTION DEFEATED IN GEORGIA.

The bill to submit to the vote of the people the question of holding a convention to revise the Constitution of Georgia has been defeated in the Senate of that State, the vote standing 17 for to 20 against. The Augusta *Chronicle* regards the defeat of this measure as fraught with the most disastrous consequences to the State and its people.

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

Mrs. Grace Stevenson, aged eighty years, was found dead in bed yesterday morning at her residence, No. 294 Rivington street.

The steam-ship Neckar, which left Bremen Jan. 30 and Southampton Feb. 2, reached this port last evening with mail news fresher by two days.

The fifth annual dinner of the Bowdoin Alumni Association of this City will be served at the Westminster Hotel on Monday evening, Feb. 22.

The annual ball of the Société Alsacienne-Lorraine will be held at Irving Hall on Wednesday evening, Feb. 17. The proceeds will be given to the refugees from Alsace-Lorraine.

The Purim Association will give their ball in aid of the Hebrew charities on Tuesday evening, March 16, at the Academy of Music. More than 250 Jewish citizens compose the Managing Committee.

The Grand Opera Ball will be given at the Academy of Music on Wednesday evening, Feb. 24. There will be three troupes of French grotesque dancers, Gastons, Pioux-Pioux, Funambles, La Danse Des Insects, 100 persons in fantastic costumes.

Patrick McCabe, keeper of a bar-room at No. 31 Roosevelt street, was held yesterday at the Tombs Police Court to answer a charge of stealing $25 from James Shears, of No. 44 Monroe street, while he was asleep in the bar-room on Saturday night.

Margaret Enright, who was arrested on Saturday night by Patrolman Nealey, of the Fifteenth Precinct, for intoxication, thrust her arm through a pane of glass yesterday morning, while in the prison of the station-house, and was severely injured. She was attended by Police Surgeon Walker and committed to the Tombs.

John Kriete, stableman, of No. 1,562 Second avenue, was yesterday held by Justice Morgan to answer a charge of felonious assault. During an altercation in the stable at the above number, on Saturday, Kriete struck Samuel Rullinger, a grocer's clerk, on the head with an ax. The wound inflicted is not a dangerous one.

John Brennan, aged fifteen, of No. 700 East Twelfth street, who was committed to the House of Refuge two weeks ago for petit larceny, died at that institution yesterday from compression of the brain, resulting from a fracture of the skull received by falling on the ice while sliding with a number of companions.

A German named William Bergh, of No. 336 First avenue, was yesterday before Justice Murray, at the Yorkville Police Court, to answer a charge of throwing vitriol upon the person of Mrs. Ann Murphy, of the same tenement. He was held for examination. He was recognized as an old offender.

Last month two indictments were found by the Grand Jury in this County against Philip Levy for obtaining goods under false pretenses from the house of Mr. Simon Kaufman. Levy fled to San Francisco, and was followed by a detective armed with a requisition from Gov. Tilden. On Saturday afternoon he was arrested in San Francisco, and is to be brought here for trial.

The City Mission and M. E. Church Extension Society held a meeting on Saturday at the Mission Rooms, Mr. J. B. Cornell presiding. The Committee on Appropriation made their report for the coming year, which became the subject of earnest discussion, and the reduction of mission expenses, advised by the committee, was voted.

Deputy Coroner Marsh yesterday made a post-mortem examination of the remains of John Conroy, whose sudden death during a quarrel with Edward Jennings, on Saturday afternoon, has already been noticed in THE TIMES. The death of Conroy was supposed to have resulted from violence, but Coroner Marsh showed that death resulted by valvular disease of the heart, and had been superinduced by excitement during the quarrel. As no blame can attach to Jennings he will be released from custody.

Thomas Foster, of No. 525 First avenue, was yesterday committed by Justice Murray, at the Yorkville Police Court, in default of $2,000 bail, on a charge of highway robbery. The prisoner and the complainant, Henry Mann, of No. 413 East Nineteenth street, are both longshoremen. On Thursday night they drank together in a Third avenue saloon and left together. The last thing Mann can remember is that his companion pushed him against the side of a building, and then forcibly took from him $23. Foster was not arrested until Saturday night.

BROOKLYN.

Catherine O'Brien, a servant employed by William Campbell, of No. 330 Sackett street, fell on the ice in Court street yesterday, and broke her collar bone.

John Harrigan was yesterday arrested by Officer Cannon, charged by his father, James Harrigan, of No. 197 Smith street, with stealing $5 from his money drawer on Feb. 8.

Milton Borden, of Fifth avenue, near Union street, was out driving yesterday afternoon with a friend. The horse became frightened in Park place, and Mr. Borden, being also frightened, jumped from the wagon and broke his right leg. He was taken home.

John Quinn, of Third avenue and Twenty-seventh street, was arrested late Saturday night by Sergt. Lloyd, on complaint of Mr. James Keon, who charged him with assaulting and kicking his wife, Mary Keon. Mrs. Keon's injuries are very serious. Quinn was locked up on the charge.

Herman Mahring was arrested yesterday by Officer Brady, of the Ninth Precinct, charged with felonious assault on John Hogan on the 6th inst. The assault took place at Mrs. Myers' liquor store, corner DeKalb and Yates avenues, and Mahring made his escape, and kept out of the way until yesterday. Hogan's injuries are serious, and he is still confined to his bed.

NEW-JERSEY.

The people of Elizabeth are agitating the propriety of paying the City Councilmen $500 per year each.

New-Brunswick demands that a late train be run from the city eastward by the Pennsylvania Railroad authorities. The latest train now leaves there at 9 P. M.

Among the patents granted last week by the bureau at Washington was one for an improved stitching machine to ex-Gov. and United States Senator elect Theodore F. Randolph, of New-Jersey. The ex Governor is said to be the patentee of one of the best ditch plows in use.

The trial of Frederick Scheibe for the murder of Jacob Schwartz, at Floral Park, last Summer, will be begun before Judge Knapp, in the Hudson County Oyer and Terminer, in Jersey City, this morning. The trial will be the first criminal trial over which Judge Knapp has presided.

It was reported in Jersey City last evening that the Hudson County Grand Jury had found bills of indictment against Freeholder John Coyle, a man named Black, and an ex-Freeholder, for having defrauded the county. The indictments, if found, are the results

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—FEB. 13.

SALES FROM 2:30 TO 3 P. M.

$4,000 Erie 2d Mort.	102⅜	100 Union Pacific.	b3. 40⅛
5,000 C. Pac. G. Bds.	96⅛	200 do.	40
50,000 C. P. 1st M...	93½	1700 do.	b3. 40
2,000 do.	98⅜	1400 do.	40⅛
10,000 U. P. Sink'g F.	86½	600 North-western.	43⅝
1,000 H. & St. J.&c.	83⅛	300 do.	43¼
9,000 Pac. R. 7s, g.	101	1200 Rock Island.	103⅝
5 Mercantile Bank.	118	400 do.	s3. 103½
700 West. Union.	s3. 72½	10 C. C. C. & Ind'pa.	65¼
1500 do.	72½	700 St. Paul.	34⅜
1000 do.	72⅝	200 Tol. & Wab.	13⅛
1600 do.	72½	100 do.	s10. 13
200 do.	s5. 72½	100 do.	13
300 Pacific Mail.	32⅜	100 Del. Lack. & W.	109¼
1000 Erie Railway.	s3. 28½	200 Han. & St. Jo.	21¼
200 do.	28⅛	900 Ohio & Miss.	20⅞
200 do.	b3. 28¼	100 do.	b3. 20⅞
386 Mich. Central.	75½	500 do.	s3. 20⅞
14 do.	75⅜	1800 do.	s3. 20⅞
1000 do.	74⅜	800 do.	20⅝
10 do.	74⅜	700 do.	20⅝
100 Panama.	112¼	200 do.	b2. 20⅝
200 Lake Shore.	73⅛	1300 do.	20⅝
50 do.	73	2000 do.	s60. 20⅝
200 do.	s3. 73⅛	2800 do.	20⅝
2200 do.	73⅛	600 do.	20⅝
1000 do.	s3. 73	1000 C. C. & I. C.	58
350 do.	73	200 Pacific R. of Mo.	40
1000 do.	s15. 72⅞	100 Fort Wayne.	98⅛
200 do.	s3. 73⅛	5 Chi., B. & Quincy.	108½
200 do. from	73⅛	100 Chi. & Alton.	107½
13 Illinois Central.	101½		

MONDAY, Feb. 15—A. M.

The week which ended on Saturday last was a quiet one, generally speaking, in Wall street. The weekly statement of the Associated Banks showed changes far less important than for some weeks past. The loans were increased $1,913,500, the most important variation of all the items. The specie was increased $731,900, which was partially offset in the reserve by a loss of $628,000 in legal tenders. In the other items there was an increase of $707,100 in deposits, and a decrease of $129,300 in circulation. The excess of reserve above legal requirements now stands at $12,833,625, against $12,907,000 last week, a decrease of $73,375. The following shows the condition of the banks this week as compared with last, and also with the corresponding week of last year:

	Feb. 6, '74.	Feb. 13, '74.	Feb. 14, '74.
Loans	$291,197,700	$293,111,200	$278,217,000
Specie	15,162,400	15,894,300	30,687,200
Legal tenders	57,273,400	56,647,400	59,501,100
Deposits	238,783,200	238,832,300	239,670,700
Circulation	23,642,200	23,512,900	26,895,600

And the following the relations between the total reserve and the total liabilities:

	Feb. 6.	Feb. 13.	Differences.
Specie	$15,162,400	$15,894,300	Inc.. $731,900
Legal tenders	57,273,400	56,647,400	Dec.. 628,000
Total reserve	$72,437,800	$72,541,700	Inc.. $103,900
Reserve required	$59,530,800	$59,708,075	
Excess of reserve above legal requirements	$12,907,000	$12,833,625	Dec.. $73,375

The money market has shown no change whatever, the supply having been largely in excess of the demand. The rates were steady at 2@3 ₱ cent. for call loans, and at 4@6 ₱ cent. for prime commercial paper.

The gold market was in the main firm, but the changes were less important than last week. The price ranged from 114¼ @114⅜, with opening and closing sales at 114⅜ and 114⅜ respectively. The chief support of the market is found in the late outflow of coin to Europe, which has depleted the specie reserve of the banks and diminished considerably the amount of coin in the Treasury. There was some talk of a "squeeze" in cash gold, but thus far the efforts of speculators in that direction have been futile. The apprehension, however, created by this talk that a movement was on foot to make cash gold scarce and dear, in connection with the large supply of bills and limited demand, had a demoralizing influence on the foreign exchanges, and rates underwent a marked deline after Tuesday, on which day the asking rates of the bankers were advanced to $4 86½ for sixty-day bills, and to $4 89½ for demand. At the close the nominal rates were $4 84 and $4 87, with an ample supply of bills offering at slight concessions.

Government bonds declined ¼ to ½ ₱ cent., and were less actively traded in than of late. In Railroad bonds there were few important changes. The Pacific issues, notably Union Pacific Sinking Funds, advanced sharply, and were in lively request. Chicago and North-western consolidated gold bonds were weak, and declined to 81. C., C. and I. C. firsts touched 61, a decline of several ₱ cent., on small dealings.

The dullness which at the opening of the week characterized speculation on the Stock Exchange naturally created the belief that the tendency of prices was downward, a belief which the course of the market subsequently demonstrated to have been well founded. True to her recent history, Pacific Mail was conspicuously weak, opening at 34¼ @34⅜ and selling down to 31, with, however, a subsequent recovery ranging from 1 to 1½ per cent. The causes alleged for the decline were the action of the House of Representatives looking toward the repeal of the subsidy, and dispatches from San Francisco stating that the City of Peking, on her arrival at that port, was found to be in a condition that reflected anything but honor on the great American Ship-builder. But outside of these causes, there can be no question that the profound distrust in the public mind of the men who at present have the real control in the administration of the affairs of the company exercises a powerful influence in rendering investors shy of the stock. Pacific Mail had no advantage over Wabash in point of weakness, the latter stock selling down to 12¾, with only a partial recovery in the final dealings. The opinion very generally prevails that foreclosure proceedings against the company will soon be instituted. Lake Shore, if the indications of the past week are to be relied upon, would seem to have touched bottom, the fluctuations of the stock having been confined within a narrow range, the closing price having been 73⅛. Western Union also was quite steady, closing at 72½ @72⅝. The slight decline in the price of the stock in the final dealings doubtless resulted from the action of the Board of Directors reducing the rates so as to make them conform to those of the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company to all competing points. About the most active stock on the list was Union Pacific, which advanced to 41. The animation in this particular stock was, at least in part, caused by the publication of President Dillon's letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, which encourages the hope of an early and amicable adjustment of the pending controversy between the Government and the company. The report of increased earnings by the company also stimulated the advance. C., C. and I. C. attracted little attention, and dropped apparently of its own weight from 8 to 5. The "Granger" stocks were very weak, North-western and St. Paul declining 2¼ to 3½ ₱ cent., with a comparatively slight recovery. Toward the close of the week Ohio and Mississippi exhibited considerable weakness, and left off at about the lowest point.

The general trade of the City was interrupted to some extent during the week by the unfavorable weather, while the commerce of the port suffered from the ice blockade in the harbor and rivers for several days. Among the dry-goods merchants there was a moderate business in domestic cotton goods with the package buyers from the West, and the tone of the market was firm. In woolen fabrics trade was light as a general thing. Foreign dress goods have not yet commenced to move off lively.

The import entries at New-York of foreign dry goods and general merchandise, (not including foreign specie,) since July 1, 1874, are as follows. The figures are official to the close of the year, and since semi-official from the Custom-house:

July	$32,749,971	Jan. 9	$5 803,864
August	32,101,567	Jan. 16	7,204,672
September	30,343,091	Jan. 23	6,079,348
October	28,083,335	Jan. 30	6,750,253
November	23,949,867	Feb. 6	5,926,495
December	24,085,984	Feb. 13	6,601,928
Total			$209,680,376
To same date, 1874			204,550,229
Increase in 1875			$5,130,152

The export clearances from New-York of Domestic Produce and Miscellaneous Goods, including foreign articles re-exported, since July 1, 1874, are as follows:

July	$26,454,378	Jan. 5	$4,249,239
August	24,584,859	Jan. 12	4,224,316
September	21,690,714	Jan. 19	4,659,275
October	24,285,552	Jan. 26	3,611,472
November	19,988,935	Feb. 2	5,679,073
December	23,504,786	Feb. 9	4,382,576
Total			$167,314,375
Total to same date, 1874			193,431,146
Decrease in 1875			$26,116,771
Gold, Feb. 13, 1875			114⅝
Gold, Feb. 14, 1874			112⅝

The exports of Gold and Silver from New-York since July 1, 1874, are as follows:

July	$3,505,798	Jan. 9	$1,616,121
August	7,316,307	Jan. 16	2,398,089
September	2,222,533	Jan. 23	3,682,668
October	1,614,753	Jan. 30	1,577,465
November	4,448,600	Feb. 6	1,867,594
December	12,497,641	Feb. 13	581,015
Total			$43,256,894
Same date, 1874			25,884,201
Increase in 1875			$17,372,693

The Customs receipts in gold deposited in the New-York office of the United States Treasury, and the gold interest paid out by the office since July 1, 1874, are as follows:

	Customs.	Gold Interest.
July	$9,989,078	$14,992,537
August	12,058,813	4,100,129
September	11,719,133	3,439,639
October	9,055,558	2,466,493
November	6,673,821	5,035,129
December	6,489,818	7,122,943
January	8,187,814	9,207,578
Feb. 6	3,017,600	2,577,800
Feb. 13	2,663,300	1,104,300
Totals, 1875	$69,854,935	$50,046,541
Totals, 1874	71,636,381	42,713,334

RANGE OF PRICES AND CLOSING QUOTATIONS—FEB. 13.

	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing—Bid.	Asked.
New-York Central	101¼	101¼	101¼	
Harlem	128	128	128	130
Erie	28¼	28⅛	28⅛	28¾
Lake Shore	73¼	73	73	73⅛
Wabash	13⅛	12¾	13	13⅜
North-western	43⅞	43¼	43⅛	43⅝
North-western Pref	56⅛	55⅝	55¾	56
Rock Island	103⅛	103	103⅛	103½
Milwaukee & St. Paul	35¼	34⅝	34⅜	34⅝
Mil. & St. Paul Pref	55	55	55	55½
Pittsburg	91	90⅞	90⅞	91⅜
Del., Lack & Western	109⅜	109⅛	109¼	109¼
New-Jersey Central	107½	107½	107¾	107⅞
Illinois Central	101⅛	101⅛	101¼	101⅜
Union Pacific	40½	39⅜	40	40⅛
C. C. & Ind. Central	57⅜	55⅜	55⅜	55⅝
Hannibal & St. Joseph	21¾	21	21	21⅜
Ohio & Mississippi	27½	26⅝	26⅜	26⅞
Panama	112¼	112	112½	113
Western Union	73⅛	72⅜	72½	72⅝
Pacific Mail	32⅜	32⅛	32¼	32⅜
Quicksilver	32	32	31	33
Adams Express	102	102	101½	103

COURSE OF THE MARKET—THE WEEK.

	Highest.	Lowest.	Feb. 14, 1874.
U. S. 5s, coupons, 1881	115¾	115⅛	113¼
U. S. 5-20r, coupon, 1862	116½	116⅜	117⅝
U. S. 5-20s, coupon, 1867	120	119½	120½
American gold	114⅞	114¼	112⅝
N. Y. Central and Hudson	101¾	101	104⅞
Chicago and Rock Island	104	102⅝	103
Pacific Mail	34⅞	30⅞	43⅛
Erie	37	34⅜	47¼
St. Paul Preferred	57½	54	73¾
Western Union	73⅜	72⅜	76⅞
Union Pacific	41⅛	39½	35½
Lake Shore	73⅞	72⅝	82⅝
Toledo and Wabash	16¼	12⅜	52⅝
North-western	43⅞	43	58¾
North-western Preferred	58½	55⅝	76
Delaware and Lackawanna	109⅝	109⅛	112
N. J. Central	108	107½	107½
Panama	113½	111½	116¾
Erie	28⅜	27½	48⅞
Ohio and Mississippi	28⅜	26⅝	34
C., C. and I. C	8½	4¾	52¼
Harlem	128½	127½	133¼

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, Feb. 13, 1875.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last were as follows:

Ashes, pkgs	26	Spirits Turp., bbls	71
Beef, bbls	1	Tar, bbls	173
Cotton, bales	2,002	Resin, bbls	590
Eggs, bbls	373	Oil-cake, pkgs	595
Flour, bbls	3,800	Pork, pkgs	607
Wheat, bushels	21,680	Beef, pkgs	102
Corn, bushels	54,918	Cut-meats, pkgs	2,449
Oats, bushels	18,400	Lard, tcs	1,536
Malt, bushels	1,400	Butter, pkgs	562
Barley, bushels	5,000	Tallow, pkgs	1
Grass-seed, bags	50	Tallow, hhds	380
Beans, bags	133	Rice, pkgs	38
Peas, bushels	2,300	Sugar, bbls	284
Meal, bbls	100	Tea, pkgs	10
Meal, bags	360	Tobacco, hhds	50
Hides, No	21	Tobacco, pkgs	352
Hides, bills	328	Whisky, bbls	7
Leather, sides	5,209	Wool, bales	
Lead, pigs	1,000		

ASHES—Have been selling very slowly, on the basis of $6 for Pots and $8@$8 25 for Pearls, ₱ 100 lb.

BEES-WAX—Has been in moderate request at from 31c.@32c. for Yellow.

CANDLES—Have been in limited demand, with Adamantine quoted at 13c.@17c.; Paraffine, 24c.@25c.; Sperm, plain, 38c.; Sperm, patent, 38c.@39c.; Stearic, 21c.@28c. ₱ lb.

COCOA—Has been inactive, but quoted steady: Maracaibo quoted at 25c.@26c.; Caracas, 14c.@16c.; Guyaquil at 11½c.@12c. gold.

COFFEE—Quite dull and quoted weak within the previous nominal range.

COOPERAGE STOCK—Has been moderately active and generally firm in price. Hogshead Staves quoted at from $100@$200; do. Pipe at $140@$260; do. Barrel, $50@$135; Box Shooks, 75c.@80c.; Pipe Shooks at $6 50@$7; Sugar Shooks, with heads, $2 10@$2 65; Molasses do., $2 75@2 25; Flour do., 55c.@60c.; Empty Hogsheads, $2 75@$3, the latter wanted for shipment.

CORDAGE—Has been in very light demand at former quotations.

COTTON—Has been unusually tame, since our last, for early delivery, the inquiry from all sources having been very light, with values quoted weak and nominal. Shippers were not disposed to operate to any considerable extent. Sales have been reported since our last of only 334 bales, (of which 229 bales were on last evening,) including 274 bales to spinners, and 60 bales to speculators....The business for forward delivery has been quite moderate, with offerings on the increase, leading to a slight decline. Estimates for next week's receipts at the shipping ports place the aggregate as about equal to that of the week just closed, tending to weaken the market. Liverpool has been reported steady, but it had little influence on dealings here. Sales have been reported since our last of 10,400 bales, (of which 5,200 bales on last evening, and 5,200 bales to-day,) with 2,200 bales more at the calls, on the basis of Low Middling, with February options closing at 15⅝c.@15 21-32c.; March at 15 11-16c.@15 23-32c.; April at 16 1-16c.@16 3-32c.; May at 16⅜c.@16 13-32c.; June at 16 11-16c.@16 23-32c.; July at 16 15-16c.; and August at 17 1-16c.@17 3-32c.; September at 16⅝c. ₱ lb., closing dull. The receipts at this port to-day were 2,002 bales, including 229 bales by railway; and at all the shipping ports to-day were 14,846 bales, against 14,046 bales same day last week....This week's exports hence have been 9,309 bales; also 76 bales Sea Island....The exports from all the shipping ports since Sept. 1 have been 1,532,199 bales, (including 3,094,905 bales to Great Britain, and 438,094 bales to the Continent,) against 1,510,312 bales same time the preceding year. The following quotations are based on Cotton according to the new classification:

New-York Quotations, based on American Standard of Classification.

	Uplands.	Alabama.	N. O.	Texas.
Ordinary	13	13	13¼	12¾
Good Ordinary	14⅛	14⅛	14⅜	14¾
Low Middling	15¼	15⅜	15⅝	15⅝
Middling	15⅝	15¾	16	16
Good Middling	16⅛	16¼	16½	16½
Middling Fair	16⅝	16¾	17	17
Fair	17¼	17⅜	17⅝	17⅝

FERTILIZERS—Have been attracting rather more attention, with values quoted without change of moment.

FLOUR AND MEAL—The ice difficulties in the way of deliveries continue to impede business in produce and merchandise....State and Western Flour attracts very little attention, and prices are without further change of moment. Jobbing lots only are called for, almost wholly for home trade purposes. The sales since our last have been 6,900 bbls., of all grades, including No. 2 Flour at $3 50@$4; inferior to fancy superfine State and Western at $3 85@$4 35; inferior to very good Extra State at $4 60@$4 95, chiefly at $4 75@$4 90; very good to fancy do. and City Mills extra, $4 95@$5 60; poor to very good shipping Extra Western at $4 50@$4 95, mostly at $4 75@$4 95; poor to very good round-hoop Ohio at $4 60@$4 95; poor to choice Minnesota Extra Shipping at $4 80@$4 60, and Trade and Family Extras within the previous range....Included in the sales have been 1,850 bbls. shipping stock, in lots, at quoted figures....Southern Flour dull at previous prices; 500 bbls. sold....Rye Flour quoted weak; sales, 325 bbls. chiefly at $4 85@$5 15 for Superfine....Corn-meal dull, but quoted steady; 280 bbls. sold.

GRAIN—The Wheat market has been very quiet since our last. Holders of good to prime Spring have been claiming an advance of 1c.@2c. a bushel, and have been generally unwilling to guarantee prompt deliveries, in view of the ice blockade. The demand has been moderate, mostly for stock wanted for immediate use by shippers to cover freight contracts, on which some advance has been obtained, and also for No. 1, to arrive. Millers have been reserved in bidding for supplies. Winter quite tame; dealings confined to car lots at about former figures. Sales have been reported since our last of 58,000 bushels at $1 for No. 1 Milwaukee Spring, in store; $1 16 for choice do., (to arrive by Feb. 25;) $1 15@$1 16 for No. 1 Minnesota Spring, car lots, with $1 16 reported bid, and $1 17@$1 19 asked for full lines or boat loads; $1 07@$1 07½ for prime No. 2 Chicago Spring, afloat, prompt delivery to vessel; $1 25 for Amber Western, and $1 23@$1 24 for Red Western, car stock, with other odd lots within the previous range....Corn has been quite sparingly dealt in, yet has been quoted rather firmer. The difficulty of delivering stock has been against free operations. The export call has been light. Sales have been reported since our last, of 66,000 bushels at 81c. @82c. for Ordinary to strictly prime Mixed Western, from cars and afloat, closing tamely at 81⅝c. for prime, afloat; 82c.@82½c. for new Yellow Western; 81½c.@82c. for new White do.; 82c. for new Yellow Southern; 81½c.@82c. (nominally) for new Yellow do. Old Corn neglected and unsettled in price....Rye and Peas wholly nominal....Barley dull; prime Canada West quoted at $1 50; sales about 3,000 bushels, fair Canada on private terms....Barley Malt inactive, with prime to very choice Canada quoted at $1 60@$1 65 ₱ bushel....Oats have been very sparingly offered, especially stock afloat, the demand for which has been good, chiefly on trade account, at stronger prices. Sales have been reported, since our last, of 34,000 bushels at 67c.@70c. for poor to strictly prime Mixed Western, from cars and afloat, with 69½c. freely bid for Chicago, afloat; 68c. for Mixed Toledo, in store, 69c.@71c. for about fair to choice White Western, chiefly at 68½c.@70c., for car stock, the inside price for Iowa, and 69c.@69½c. for Mixed State, from cars....Hay, Straw, and Feed without important alteration....The week's exports, hence, included 16,184 bbls. Flour, 204,566 bushels Wheat, and 311,891 bushels Corn.

GUNNY BAGS, AND BAGGING—Of Domestic Cloth, 200 rolls were sold at 11¾c. Market quiet; otherwise unaltered.

HARDWARE—Meets with a somewhat readier sale at generally steady prices.

HEMP—Of Jute Butts, further sales of 1,200 bales were reported at 2 9-16c.@2½c., currency, ₱ lb. Market otherwise dull; quotations as in our last.

HIDES—Have been in comparatively limited request at about late figures. The week's receipts have been 62,051 Hides, and 50 bales do.; sales, 43,175 Hides, and 275 bales do., the latter including, according to Messrs. Pickard & Anderson, 9,410 Dry Buenos Ayres, 20½ to 21½ lbs., on private terms; 2,695 Dry Montevideo, 20½ lb. at 20½c., gold, cash less 4 ₱ cent.; 7,165 Dry Montevideo, 21 to 23½ lbs., at 25½c.; 1,500 Dry Montevideo, 21½ lb. at 25¼c., gold, 4 months, usual selection; 920 Dry Montevideo, seconds, 21½ lb. at 22½c., gold, 4 months, as they run; 5,000 Dry California, 23 lbs. at 24c., gold, 30 days, usual selection; 1,670 Dry Bogota, 21 to 22 lbs. at 23c.@23½c., 1,095 Dry Matamoras, 24 lb at 23c., gold, 60 days, selected; 1,185 Dry Mexican, 20 lb., on private terms; 845 Dry Central American, 20 to 21 lb. at 21½c.@22c., gold, 60 days, selected; 2,200 Dry Southern and Western, 16 to 18 lb., on private terms; 2,455 Dry Texas, 22 to 23 lb. at 23c., currency, 4 months, selected; 1,500 Dry Texas Kips, 10 to 11 lb. at 19c., currency; 515 Wet-salted Matamoras, 60 lb., 2,120 Wet-salted Texas, 50 to 67 lb., on private terms; 2,900 City Slaughter, 70 lb. at 10¼c., currency; 250 bales Calcutta Buffalo, part to arrive, on private terms; 25 bales Calcutta Cow, on private terms. And, to-day, 4,660 Matamoras, and 800 Vera Cruz, on private terms. Stock in first hands here to-day, 173,100 Hides, and 570 bales do., against 148,000 Hides, and 635 bales do. same time last year.

MOLASSES—Of New-Orleans 215 bbls, new crop, sold in lots at 56c.@64c.; market about steady. No further dealings in foreign. A cargo of 493 hhds. and 52 tcs. Matanzas, just arrived, but not yet reported as marketed.

NAILS—Have been quoted about steady on the basis of $3 40@$3 50 for common Fence and Sheathing, on comparatively light offerings, but have been selling very slowly.

NAVAL STORES—Resin in some demand, on the basis of $2 10@$2 15 for Strained to good Strained; sales 1,000 bbls. Strained at $2 12½ ₱ 280 lb....Tar and Pitch dull and nominal....Spirits Turpentine very quiet at 38½c. for merchantable.

OIL-CAKE—Has been less sought after, with City, in bags, quoted at $43, gold; Western, in bags, at $47, currency....The week's receipts have been 1,261 pkgs.; exports, 13,174 bags.

PETROLEUM—Very quiet, with prices favoring buyers....Crude, in bulk, quoted at 6¾c.@6⅞c....Refined, there, 13½c....Refined, in cases, 18¾c.@19¼c....City Naphtha, at 9¾c.@10c. ₱ gallon.

PROVISIONS—Pork has been again quoted easier in price, on a very moderate inquiry for early delivery, with sales reported of 150 bbls. new Western Mess, in lots, at $19 25; 245 bbls., Prime Mess, part at $18 25, and small lots of Extra Prime at $14 50@$15. For forward delivery, business has been fairly active, but at lower prices. Sales have been reported of 500 bbls. new Western Mess, February options, at $19 37½; 1,750 bbls., March, at $19 25; 1,250 bbls. April, chiefly, at $19 35@$19 37½; and 1,250 bbls., May, at $19 50@$19 62½....A moderate demand has been noted for Dressed Hogs, at 8¾c.@9c. for City, and 8¼c.@8¾c. for Western....Cut-meats have been quoted steady, and in fair demand, mostly for City bulk stock. Sales, 4,500 pieces fresh stock at 10¾c. for light Bellies; 10¼c.@10½c. for Hams, and 7¼c.@7½c. for Shoulders. 1,000 Pickled Shoulders at 7¾c.; small lots of Smoked Shoulders at 8¾c.@9c.; 1,500 Pickled Hams at 10¾c.; small lots of Smoked Hams at 12½c.; 20,000 lb. Pickled Bellies, light, at 10¼c.@10½c., with Western Dry Salted Shoulders, in boxes, quoted at 7½c....Bacon quoted a shade cheaper, with sales reported of only 125 boxes Long Clear, part at 10¼c., gold, cash less 4 ₱ cent.; with Western Long Clear quoted at 10½c.@10¾c.; Short Clear at 10⅞c., and Long and Short Clear at 10½c. And for Chicago delivery, 1,300 boxes Short Clear at 10½c.@10¾c.; 100 boxes Long Clear at 9¾c. ₱ lb....Lard has been comparatively dull for early delivery at a shade easier prices, with sales reported of only small lots of Western Steam at 14c.@14 1-16c.; 150 tcs. City at 14c.; and Refined quoted in range of 14c.@14⅜c....For forward delivery a fair business has been reported in Western Steam, but at rather weaker prices: sales 1,500 tcs., February options, at 14c.@14 1-16c.; 4,000 tcs., March, at 14 1-16c.@14¼c., closing at 14 1-16c.; 250 tcs., April, at 14¼c.; 2,000 tcs., May, at 14⅜c....Beef, steady but quiet; sales, 100 tcs. India Mess at $29....Butter and Cheese firm on a moderate inquiry....Eggs sparingly offered and quoted up to 32c.@36c. for ordinary to very fancy marks. Limed stock, on a restricted trade....The week's exports hence for European ports have been 1,957 pks. Pork, 1,952 pks. Beef, 12,201 pks. Bacon, 7,987 pks. Lard, 8,299 pkgs. Cheese, and 416 pkgs. Butter.

RICE—Has been comparatively quiet, yet held with firmness. Demand mostly for job lots of domestic product. Carolina, ordinary to very choice, at $7@$8 50; Louisiana, $6@$8 75; Rangoon, free, at $6 50@$6 62, and in bond at $2 75@$3; and Patna, free, at $7 25@$7 50, and in bond at $4@$4 25, ₱ 100 lb.

SALT—Has been in light demand since our last, yet without change as to price, on a limited trade. Liverpool Ground quoted at $1 20@$1 25; Liverpool Fine at $1 65@$2 85, from store: Turk's Island, in bulk, &c., 25c.@28c.; St. Martin, 30c.@35c.

SALTPETRE—Has been very quiet at 5½c.@5¾c., gold, free.

SKINS—A good inquiry has been noted for Deer at firmer prices: receipts, 244 bales; sales, 20,000 lb. Central American, and 500 lb. Honduras on private terms. Goat have been available and steady: receipts, 155 bales; sales, 230 bales Mexican, and 20 bales Payta on private terms. We quote: Guatemala Deer, 65c.; Honduras, 60c.; Central American, trimmed, 57½c.@58c.; Central American, not trimed, 50c.@52½c.; Sisal, 57½c.; Para, 60c.@62½c.; Puerto Cabello, 52½c., currency, ₱ lb....Tampico Goat, 55c.; Matamoras, 55c., gold; Buenos Ayres, 50c.@52c.; Payta, 51c.@55c.; Maracaibo, 55c.; Cape, 38c.; Madras, ₱ skin, 50c.@55c.; Patna, 34c.@40c., currency.

SUGARS—In view of the probability of an imposition of increased duty on imported stock, holders of Raw have further advanced their asking prices, and have quite generally withdrawn supplies. The demand has been good for refining account. Fair Refining now quoted at 7 11-16c.@7¾c.; good do. at 7 15-16c.@8c.; prime do. at 8 1-16c.@8¼c.; No. 12 Box Clayed at 8½c., and Centrifugal as in our last. Sales, 1,899 hhds. Refining Cubs at 7¾c.@8c. ₱ lb. Market strong and buoyant. A fair inquiry has been noted for Refined Sugars, with Granulated quoted at 10¼c.@10⅝c., and other descriptions as in our last.

STARCH—Has been quiet, but steady, with Western Corn quoted at 5c.@6c.; Potato at 5¾c.@6c.

SUMAC—Has been held firmly, though without notable activity. Sicily quoted at from $150@$120, afloat and from store, and Virginia at from $50@$60 ₱ ton.

TALLOW—Has been purchased to the extent of 75,000 lb. good to prime, at 8¾c.@8¾c. ₱ lb.; market quoted about steady. The week's exports hence have been 331 pkgs....Stearine quiet and weak; City, in hhds., quoted 14 at ⅛c.; Western, in tcs., at 14¼c. for strictly prime.

WHALEBONE—Has been inactive, but steady, at $1 10, gold for Arctic, ₱ lb.

WHISKY—Quoted lower on a moderate demand, closing weak. Sales, 250 bbls., at $1 08@$1 08½; quoted nominally at $1 07 ₱ gallon.

FREIGHTS—The ice difficulties in the harbor formed a very serious impediment to business, particularly in the way of berth freights, which were very quiet, without any important alteration as to rates. The chartering movement was fair, with the main inquiry for tonnage, suited to the Petroleum trade, at somewhat easier generates. Grain and Naval Store tonnage was in rather more request....For Liverpool the engagements reported since our last have been, by sail, 800 bbls Flour, on private terms; quotations as in our last, 90,000 bushels Provisions, also on private terms, and 50 pkgs. Tallow at 32s. 6d. ₱ ton. And by steam, 850 bales Cotton at ¼d. @5-16d. ₱ lb., the inside rate for prompt delivery to vessel; 1,500 pkgs. Sundries, on private terms; 450 bbls. Apples, mostly at 4s. ₱ bbl.; 65 tons Leather, chiefly at 55s., and 850 bxs. Cheese at 45s. ₱ ton. The grain engagements, to which allusion was made in our last, comprised 50,000 bushels at 10d. ₱ bushel. And, by steam, from Philadelphia, (reported thence,) 150 bales Cotton at 5-16d. ₱ lb.; 400 hhds. Molasses, part at 35s. ₱ ton; 50 hhds. Tallow and 4,050 tons Rosin at 4s., also a British bark, 703 tons, hence, with equal to about 4,800 bbls. Refined Petroleum at 4s. 6d., (privileges including London, Bristol, Antwerp, or Bremen,) with option of general cargo, at an equivalent rate. And, by sail, from Baltimore, (reported thence,) 20,000 bushels Grain at 10d. ₱ bushel; 350 tons Provisions at 35s. ₱ ton....For London, by steam, 400 pks. Provisions at 45s., with Cheese quoted at 50s. ₱ ton, at which the latest engagements (also, 1,500 bxs.) were made....For Glasgow, by steam, 600 pks. Provisions, 250 pks. Seed and 8,000 Staves on private terms, and 100 bbls. Apples at 4s. ₱ bbl....For Cork and orders, a German bark, 558 tons, hence, with about 3,500 quarters Grain, in bags, at 7s. 6d.; a bark, (to arrive,) with about 3,250 quarters do., from Baltimore, reported at 7s. ₱ quarter; a Norwegian bark, 340 tons, (to arrive,) with Naval Stores, from Charleston, at 7s. 6d. ₱ ton. For United Kingdom, and the Continent at 6s. @8s. to the Baltic....For Antwerp, an American bark, 700 tons, with about 47,000 bbls. Refined Petroleum from Baltimore at 5s. 6d. ₱ bbl....For the Continent, a British bark, 884 tons, (to arrive from Rotterdam,) with about 6,000 bbls. Refined Petroleum, from Baltimore, at 5s. 6d. ₱ bbl....For Bremen, by steam, 450 bales Cotton at 5-8c. ₱ lb.; 1,200 bbls. Provisions at 50s. ₱ ton; 100 cases Tobacco reported at 40s., and 200 bbls. Dried Apples at 5s. ₱ bbl.; also a German bark, 895 tons, hence, with about 5,500 bbls. Refined Petroleum, at 4s. 6d.; and another, 924 tons, hence, with about 5,800 bbls. do., loading on owner's account....For Dantzic or Stettin, a German schr., 202 tons, hence, with resin, at 4s., with option of Riga at 4s. 6d....For Marsala, an American bark, 444 tons, (to arrive from Boston,) with Hogshead Staves, from Norfolk, reported on private terms, and back to Boston with Salt, from Trapani, at 11s. ₱ hhd....For Demerara, a British schooner, 113 tons, with general cargo, from Philadelphia, reported at 65c., gold, ₱ bbl....For Barbados, two American schooners, 254 and 223 tons, with general cargo, from Philadelphia, at $1,350 and $1,025....For the north side of Cuba, three vessels, hence, with empty Hogsheads, reported at 80c. ....For the north side of Cuba and back to New-York, an American schooner, reported at 85 for Sugar....For the north side of Cuba and back to Philadelphia, an American schooner, reported at $5 for Sugar, $3 25 for Molasses, and $4 50 for Melado....For Havana and back to Philadelphia, an American schooner, reported at $6, $3 25, and $4 50....For Trinidad de Cuba and back to New-York, an American brig, reported at 40c. for Sugar....For Sagua and back to Philadelphia, an American schooner, 389 tons, reported at $5 for Sugar, $3 for Molasses, and $4 50 for Melado....For Matanzas, an American schooner, with empty Hogsheads from Philadelphia, reported at 95c. ....For Cardenas, an American schooner, with empty Hogsheads, from Philadelphia, reported at $1....For Caibarien and back to Philadelphia, an American schooner, reported at $5 for Sugar, $3 for Molasses, and $4 50 for Melado....For Porto Rico and back to Philadelphia, a British brig, reported at 42½c. for Sugar....For Melbourne and Sydney, a British bark, 724 tons, hence, with general cargo, reported at equal to about 32s. 6d. ₱ ton, measurement....For Portland, a schooner, with Lumber, from Jacksonville, at $8....For Philadelphia, a schooner, with Lumber, from Savannah, and another, with do., from Brunswick, at $6; and two schooners, with do., from Doboy, reported at $6 25@$7 25....For Norfolk, a schooner, with Lumber, from Brunswick, reported at $6.

THE BOSTON WOOL MARKET.

BOSTON, Feb. 13.—There has been a fair demand for Wool the past week and sales add up the usual average, having been nearly 1,200,000 lb., of which about half have been Domestic Fleeces. Prices have been well sustained and sales have been at full current rates. Some 235,000 lb. Ohio and Pennsylvania Fleeces have been sold at 53c.@57c.; a choice medium selling at 57c., and X, XX, and Ohio mostly at 54c @ 55c. The sales of Michigan Fleeces have been mostly at 51c.@52½c., but some lots of choice No. 1 have been taken as high as 54c.; Medium and No. 1 of all kinds are very scarce, and are wanted at full prices. Small lots of Combing and Delaine offering sold at 59c. @55c. for Washed. This description is scarce, and large lines would meet with a ready sale, as buyers are quite numerous. Pulled wools continue in demand, with sales of upward of 200,000 lb., prices ranging from 45c. to 66c. for Super and X; choice Supers have been sold from 51c.@55c. down to 43c.@48c. for low and medium grades; choice X, Pulled, has been sold at 52½c., but the principal sales have been in the range of 49c.@50c

A BASQUE HOLIDAY.

THE FETE D'HENDAYE.

HOW THE BASQUE PEOPLE ENJOY THEMSELVES—PREPARATIONS FOR THE FETE—SCENES IN AND AROUND THE PLAZA—THE COSTUMES OF THE HOLIDAY-MAKERS—HOW THE BUYING IS DONE IN THE BOOTHS AND ELSEWHERE.

From Our Special Correspondent.

HENDAYE, SPANISH FRONTIER, Thursday, Jan. 28, 1875.

Eating, drinking, praying, and gambling, have formed the sole occupations of the good people of Hendaye for the last three days. So eager have they been in their devotion to these pursuits that they have had but little time at their disposal for sleep; and, as a natural consequence, several days must elapse before they can follow their ordinary avocations with the industry and application for which as a race they are noted. The people of this country have a strange habit of mixing up religion with their amusements, and this being the case, the "*Fête d'Hendaye*," which was announced to commence on Sunday last and to continue over a period of three days, was in reality begun on Saturday night at a late hour, when the solitary church bell clanked away until the "witching hour of midnight," without any attempt at rhyme, and for the simple reason that before commencing the regular round of amusements it was absolutely necessary, from a Basque point of view, that a very long mass should first be attended. This Saturday night mass was a special one, and did not exempt good Catholics from attending the three regular Sunday masses next day, which were held between the hours of 6 and 10 o'clock in the morning.

THE GALA.

It is customary in all Spanish and Basque towns that a certain space of ground shall be devoted to the public, and it is in this plaza, as it is called, that the townspeople hold their annual fête. Hendaye, with its Custom-house, (now deserted,) its brandy distilleries, railway station, and 1,500 inhabitants, is looked upon as an important town in this neighborhood, and therefore the annual gala extends over a period of three days. During Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning the plaza had undergone such a complete change that it was hardly recognizable at noon on the first day of the fête. Booths were erected all round it, and the houses forming the sides of the square were decked out in holiday attire; a platform was erected at one end of the square, and the Hendaye brass band took up its station upon this platform and played tune after tune, almost without intermission, from 2 o'clock in the afternoon until near midnight. The music they discoursed was entirely of Basque origin, and any one who—born out of the Basque provinces, and therefore uninspired by patriotic feelings—has once heard a native air played by a native band may be excused for saying, with the little boy, "It is so nice when it is over!"

FEMININE HOLIDAY COSTUMES.

The fates were propitious during the early part of the afternoon, and there was enough blue sky to be seen to warrant the holiday makers in donning their best "go to meetings," and in appearing in all the colors of the rainbow. A Parisian milliner would have shed tears of vexation had she been present to have witnessed the total disregard which the Basque women have for anything approaching harmony between the color of their scarfs and dresses, or in the choice of the bright-hued silk handkerchiefs in which they confine their luxuriant hair. A bright blue or violet dress, with a green shawl and glaring yellow kerchief wound around the head, was not an uncommon sight. The dresses of most of the women were worn short so as to show off their white canvass shoes, laced with broad red or blue ribbon, and decorated with rosettes, or bright steel or imitation jet buckles. The type of the Basque race, both male and female, is not molded on a large scale, but the women, although *petite*, are well proportioned, and if not positively handsome, they are, at least, healthy-looking, and have not that sallow complexion which is characteristic of the male sex through Spain.

HOW THE MEN DRESSED.

Following the example set by their wives and sisters, the men also sported their holiday garb, and appeared in bright blue, red, or peculiarly variegated pantaloons, white canvas shoes, laced and decorated much after the same fashion as those worn by the women, and blue or white jackets, worn over shirts, the variety of color in which would have made a rainbow look sick. Their head-gear consisted of the national *boena*, worn almost universally here, and made of red, black, or dark blue cloth. Among the crowd, who were collected round the temporary booths, or were slowly promenading up and down the plaza, could be seen many Spanish officers and men belonging to the garrisons of Government troops stationed at Fontarabia and Irun. It is usually the case in a scene of this description, in other countries, that a military uniform goes far to lend some coloring to the general effect; but on this occasion the result was just the reverse, as the dark uniform of the carabineros and artilleros, the sombre appearance of which is only partially relieved here and there by a piece of narrow red binding, served to tone down the almost glaring effect of the gay-colored habiliments of the inhabitants of Hendaye.

SCENES ON THE PLAZA.

In many respects the Fête d'Hendaye resembles the annual fair which is held in most of the towns and villages throughout Great Britain, except, perhaps, that rather more time is devoted to dancing and rather less to drinking, while praying and gambling are indulged in in about equal proportions.

With these remarks we will cross the railway bridge on the direct road between Hendaye and the charred and blackened ruins of the town of Spanish Behobie, which was destroyed by the Republicans three months since, and enter the main street of this little Spanish Basque town, which, although in France, is more Spanish than French, and more Basque than either. Passing the old church, our attention is attracted by a strange-looking conglomeration of cog-wheels and catgut which is hanging from a hole in the church tower. This is in reality the remains of the town-clock, which was blown out of its place during the heavy gale in which the La Plata foundered in the Bay of Biscay. A moment after, having traversed about a dozen yards of the main street of Hendaye, we turn abruptly to the right, and find ourselves in the plaza amid a gay throng of people, who are walking, talking, dancing, and doing their best to make the time pass away as merrily as possible. Their attempts in this direction are attended with success if we way judge by the bright and happy looks which are lighting up the faces of one and all, and by the ringing laugh which is sure to follow almost every sentence they utter, whether it be spoken in the horrid Basque jargon, or in the soft musical language of Spain. It is now dusk, and a batch of noisy youths, forming the hobble-de-hoy-hood of Hendaye, are actively engaged in lighting the little colored glass lamps and Chinese lanterns placed at intervals round the square, and which, together with the rockets the *valet de chambre* of M. Du Pressoir burning his fingers in trying to ignite, have been presented to the town by the proprietor of the gambling establishment, who never—and with good reason—loses an opportunity of ingratiating himself with the inhabitants.

A HOLIDAY BOOTH.

Before ascertaining whether the *jota* (pronounced *hola*) or the *bolero* is the dance which is attracting the attention of the youth and beauty of the town at the further end of the square, we will take a look into one of the little booths and see how the business of sale and barter is conducted on this occasion. Pushing our way through the crowd we at last gain a place in the front rank, and find the proprietor—or rather proprietress, in this instance, for it is a woman—standing in the midst of a miscellaneous assortment of useful and useless articles, which are arranged upon a sloping shelf at the back, or are displayed upon a sort of counter which runs along the front of the booth, and separates the owner of the goods from her customers. The assortment is so varied, that if it were not a fête day, when everybody is in good humor, the exposure of these goods for sale under the very noses of the regular shop-keepers of the town would rouse their ire against the itinerant vender of hats, caps, pins, needles, boots, shoes, handkerchiefs, watches, dolls, soap, cakes, pencils, Carlist postage-stamps, photographs, toys, bonbons, knives, razors, whips, walking-sticks, stockings, hair-pads, imitation jewelry, and so on *ad infinitum*. None of these articles are for sale, in the legitimate sense of the word. All of them have to be gambled for upon the lottery principle, unless a purchaser can get into the good graces of the owner of the booth sufficiently to persuade her to sell him some particular article to which he may have taken a fancy, at a figure at least three times its value. The mode of proceeding is this: Tickets bearing the names of the different articles are put into a bag, together with a large number of blanks, and the customer draws out one of these tickets, hands it to the woman behind the counter to read for him, or reads it himself, and finds that for his two sous he has gained some one of the articles designated, or he leaves the front rank of spectators with a face as blank as the ticket he has drawn. Here is a pale-faced Alfonsist soldier, who, according to the politeness customary among Spaniards, has, with a military salute and a *perdonneme Señores*, reached between us and deposited his two *sous* in the outstretched hand of the booth-keeper. She hands him the bag and he takes out one of the little pieces of rolled-up card board. Returning it to the woman she reads out "*una chappa de Carlos Septimo*," amid the laughter of the spectators, the majority of whom are Carlists without doubt. These *chappas*, or buttons of "Carlos VII.," are worn by the Carlist soldiers in their *boenas*, and, in spite of the Spanish note to the French Government, are, together with Carlist postage stamps, openly exposed for sale in the frontier towns. The Republican—or rather Alfonsist—soldier takes the joke kindly, and hands the chappa to a French gendarme who is standing near him, and who drops the innocent little button with the Carlist insignia as if it had burned his fingers. At the head of a long line of photographs forming the topmost row of the articles arranged on the sloping shelf at the back of the booth can be seen the whiskerless face of Alfonso XII., side by side with that of Don Carlos. If this photograph does not bear a closer resemblance to the young prince than that which is called a life-like likeness of Carlos, his mother would not recognize him. There are not many people anxious to purchase the photograph of the new King of Spain, although that of Don Carlos meets with a ready sale at a price which must remunerate the vender handsomely. The face of Don Carlos is pretty well known here by this time, waite that of the young Prince of the Asturias is quite a novelty, and for this reason the good lady presiding over the booth makes a point of asking a much higher price for the new King, which is rather hard on "Carlos VII."

MORE GAMBLING.

Leaving the booth and passing round the square in the direction of the thickly-packed ring of spectators in the centre of whom the dancing is going on, we do not enter any of the other stalls, as they are all of a similar character, but stop for a moment to watch a little knot of people gathered round a vender of *barquillos*, (a thin, water-like cake, of which three or four can be purchased for a *sou*.) Here again the gambling element is visible. The cakes are contained in a large tin canister, upon the top of which is a sort of *roulette* arrangement, but every other space round the edge of the circle is occupied by a blank, while the numbers commence at No. 3 and run up to a dozen or twenty. The player pays his two sous, which seems to be the recognized sum under these circumstances, twists the little knob of the roulette machine round rapidly, and wins a high number, a low number, or, perchance, loses his money. In the event of his winning he, of course, receives in barquillos the number indicated on the division in the roulette table, into which the little ball has fallen.

As the mail is about leaving, I must defer until my next a description of the national games, which are a leading feature at a fête in this part of the Basque Country.

MILITARY OPERATIONS AND THE PROSPECTS OF PEACE.

Since my last, things have been quiet here, so far as military operations are concerned. Rumors are afloat that there is a fair prospect of a *comenio* being well received by the Carlists, and by its means a peace secured. I hardly anticipate this result, however, although the Spaniards are such a changeable and impulsive nation that there is no knowing what may happen. The impression appears to be gaining ground that peace, however improbable, is just possible under the new Government. Meanwhile, the Carlists under Don Alfonso, the brother of Don Carlos, have gained ground in Catalonia. It is reported that they have taken Granallero, near Barcelona, and are in hopes of entering the last-named town with the concurrence of the Republican element, which is said to be still strong there, in spite of the recent Alfonsist demonstration. This is news, however, which has not been positively confirmed; and even if it were otherwise, the telegraph would have given you particulars before this letter is in print.

PROCLAMATIONS BY KING ALFONSO.

The King of Spain has issued two proclamations, the first, addressed to the people of the Basque Provinces and Navarre, and the second to the Army of the North. The following is the text:

"*Inhabitants of the Basque Provinces and Navarre:*

On returning to this country, now so unfortunate though equally beloved by all, I feel no greater desire than that of peace. I have always been less saddened by the long absence to which I have been constrained, than by the spectacle of the ravages, impoverishment, and dishonor inflicted of late on Spain by a civil war as sterile as it is sanguinary. I have ascended the throne as I desired—that is, without a drop of blood being shed for my cause. If you bar the way to my army it will have to fight, but I shall witness the combat only with profound pain. In these valleys already devastated, in these farms and villages already in ashes, in all this country which you are now watering with the blood of your brethren—a country which I love as any one born on Spanish soil must do, as one who spent among you the happy days of his childhood, and who knew you peaceable and free, happy and joyous, worthy, in short, of the envy of your fellow-countrymen and of foreigners—my feelings as a real Spaniard and King would not allow me to tolerate a useless war like that which you are waging against the rest of the nation. What reason have you for continuing it? If you took up arms to obey the monarchical faith, you behold in me the legitimate representative of a dynasty to which at a former time your loyal hearts swore everlasting fidelity, and which was as loyal as possible toward you up to the moment of its temporary fall. If religious faith put arms in your hands, you behold in me a Catholic King, like his ancestors, recognized everywhere by Cardinals and pious prelates as the repairer of the injustice hitherto experienced by the Church, and as one of its firmest supports in the future. I am also, it is true, and shall always be a Constitutional King; but you who have so warm an attachment for your ancient liberties, can you support the evil desire which is cherished of depriving other Spaniards of the legitimate liberties to which they are accustomed? I cannot imagine it. Everything, on the contrary, leads me to believe that you will not be slow in laying down the arms with which you are now fighting against the monarchical right to which you swore fidelity, against the Church ever represented by its Princes and Prelates, and against the country. Lay them down and you will spare me the pain of seeing Spanish blood shed in the two camps; lay them down, and you will thus in the most efficacious manner aid the faithful Island of Cuba in recovering the opulence in which you always so largely shared; lay them down, and you will immediately begin again to enjoy all the advantages you possessed for more than thirty years under the sceptre of my mother, and prosperity and cheerfulness will reappear as if by enchantment in your mountains. The sons will immediately return to the arms of their fathers; the fruit of your efforts, toil, and labors will be again sacred; and, instead of the noise of artillery by which you are now aroused, you will hear the whistle of the locomotive resound in your mountains, which never ceased to bring you the riches and all the splendid gifts of civilization. Before unfurling my flag on battle-fields, I wished to present myself to you with the olive-branch in my hand. Be not deaf to this friendly voice, which is that of your legitimate King!"

"*Soldiers of the Army of the North:*

It is not through ambition or a youthful love of glory that I appeal to you to-day for abnegation and endurance, and that to-morrow I shall ask your blood. No; I ask you for all these sacrifices in order to restore peace. I have from a distance followed with admiration your wearisome campaigns, in which you have fully proved yourselves the worthy successors of your fathers. I now come to your ranks with the desire of rendering myself worthy also of glorious Alfonsos, my ancestors, and I hope to show that I am so if I find an opportunity. But those who confront you are Spaniards also, and before fresh battles are engaged in by my orders I have, as you know, addressed to them affectionate and conciliatory words. Let the responsibility, then, of all the innocent blood which may be shed fall on those who were not willing to listen to them. By remaining deaf to them and prolonging this fatal war without motive—without pretext, even—they seem to scorn the paternal bonds which have united them to you for so many centuries and to take little account of your courage. Noble sons of the ancient Kingdoms of Castile and Aragon, brave Basques and Navarrese, faithful as you should be to your country, the time has come to prove by arms to those who think thus their unworthy error. From the summit of those mountains in which your adversaries are sheltering themselves, your duty as soldiers and your honor as Spaniards summon you to a decisive struggle. Let us engage in it, then, and conquer! God will certainly protect those who fight to restore peace and to live peaceable and free in their fields and hearths, not those who willfully direct their arms against the rights of their legitimate sovereign, the interests of all the provinces of the Monarchy, the liberty of other Spaniards—in a word, against the country. Follow your flag with confidence, which will lead you to victory, as it has so many times done; and since you are all veterans, it is for you to teach your King to fight and conquer."

Both proclamations are dated Peralta, the 22d of January.

LECTURES ON PREACHING.

DR. HALL'S THIRD LECTURE AT YALE—THE GREAT THEMES OF PREACHING—EXPOSITORY PREACHING RECOMMENDED.

From Our Special Correspondent.

NEW-HAVEN, Friday, Feb. 12, 1875.

Dr. Hall delivered the third lecture of his series on "Preaching" before the Yale Divinity School on Thursday afternoon in Marquand Chapel. The two preceding lectures were delivered last week. In the first he considered "The Church, its Natvre and Rites," and the work of the minister as laid down by Christ to the disciples. In the second the lecturer dwolt on the pastoral work and its relation to the sermon, in which he strongly urged systematic visitation as a means of understanding better the needs of the people.

In the lecture this afternoon Dr. Hall spoke on the great themes which ought to occupy the minister, and how he should treat them. In the present imperfect condition of the Church, he said there must be many temptations to turn aside, and many difficulties in the faithful performance of ministerial duties. The church of Christ is divided into sections, and the temptation arises here to dwell upon what is merely denominational, and to amplify that which is purely local. The smaller the section the greater is usually the temptation. There is danger that a generation of persons shall grow up strong in denominational truth, while weak in the great foundation truths of religion which have thus been neglected. When a controversy becomes violent there is a corresponding distracting tendency. We need to take care to put our creeds, confessions, and doctrinal statements in the right place and to keep them there. While we keep up the defenses, we should not fail to feed those within the Church. In the early history of the Gospel there was the same temptation and the same difficulty as to-day, but these things did not divert men from the great work in hand. They continued to warn and to teach, appealing to the *nous* in men. We should do the same. Men are sinners, not by chance nor by accident, and they are to be blamed for it. We must first warn them, and then teach them the way of salvation. There are many persons who seem to let go easily their religious professions. May it not be because they took them up on slender grounds, with no profound conviction of sin, with no inwrought sense of a God of boliness, and such a sense of obligation as would be a permanent spring within? We must say, "Come to Christ," but we must say it in a Scriptural way and with all the truth of God. Why? Because men are sinners, because the wages of sin is death, and they will perish without the truth, and because there is "no other name given among men whereby they must be saved." Sin, danger, peril, wrath eternal, all these should be associated each in its proper place. A woman once said that she "really thought when she joined the church she had laid the minister and deacons and brethren all under obligations to her, so solicitous did they seem that she should become a Christian." Horrible conception! And yet is there not danger of this from our giving these partial views of truth? We should be careful to present the whole truth in this particular matter, that men shall understand what they do. We may not catch so many, but the nets will not so frequently break. Quality is better than quantity, and although the stream of religious life may be narrower, it will run deeper. So in all the stages of Christian development, the minister should be on his guard in reference to sectional and partial truth. If saints are to be perfected, it is to be by our presentation of the full-orbed truth. The best results will be produced when we present wrath, law, holiness, mercy, love, in their relations as contained in the Bible. Around the central sun of this Christ doctrine all other truths revolve. We are to be edifying ministers, to build men up on the foundation of Christ, and if we would be good and successful, this Christ doctrine must be the central theme of thought. This does not shut out much of Scripture, as some suppose, nor narrow down the field of thought and effort. The books of the New Testament, such as the Epistle to the Hebrews, for example, are all full of Christ doctrine, and yet who can understand them without understanding the Old Testament. So with the Psalms and Prophets, there is much that is Messianic.

The lecturer then considered some of the best methods of treating Bible truth, and dwelt particularly upon expository preaching as a means of showing the relations of truth in a clear and forcible manner. This was practiced more largely in the first and second centuries than at the present time. He did not mean by expository preaching a rambling paraphrase on God's word; not such devout meditations as are compiled in Thomas Scott's valuable Commentaries; not that spiritualizing which is largely dependent on fancy, and which tends to leave the impression that the Bible is elastic, nor taking up a portion of Scripture and giving a general godly talk about it, not aiming at anything or anybody in particular. Nor is it, finally, where a man doesn't pause to settle on the exact meaning of the text, but takes the various interpretations of commentators and says "if such a view is true, then it gives this lesson, and if another view is correct it gives another." This is lazy and is mischievous. The hypothetical element in the basis cannot help running over into the conclusions. But real expository preaching is to take a portion of God's word having a certain unity in itself, giving it thought, study, and prayer. The meaning is to be got into the mind by the help of grammar, dictionary, collating, and all available means. When the mind is filled, the head clear on the truth, the heart warmed, then go and tell the truth of that passage with fervor, directness, and force, as well as you can. This is true expository preaching. There are many advantages to this method. J. W. Alexander said substantially, "When the fire of devotion is burning low on the altar in the heart, it is usually more roused by being brought into contact with the Divine word than by any style of preaching whatever." Large portions of God's word thus brought to the judgments and consciences of men cannot fail to rouse them. In the next place, it will help to make the production of sermons easier. The present plan is to make the sermon in the essay form, elaborate and finished. It was his suspicion that the mischievous element of essay sermons was to some extent responsible for short pastorates, frequent changes, &c. But where expository preaching was practiced, it filled the mind with Bible truth, and the regular sermons, which demanded such energy and effort, would be more readily produced. There is a temptation with many to turn aside constantly to repel assaults that are made upon the church; but much time and energy are lost in this way. But a very limited few in ordinary congregations understand with clearness Tyndall, Spencer, or Huxley, and, in order to combat them, the Pastor must first make a clear and candid statement of their positions, so that the people shall know when he has overturned them, and even then it is probable that a great many will not know it. But there is a more excellent way. Men want the restfulness of the Gospel on the Sabbath. Let Pastors confine their attention to the grand truths which have roused human nature from the beginning, telling men their relations to God, and what life would have them do.

SERIOUS ACCIDENTS IN PATERSON.

A boy named Rainey, while coasting on the hill, near the Orphan Asylum in Paterson, N. J., was run into by a sled while he lay on the ground. The runners of the colliding sleigh struck his left side, below the ribs, inflicting an injury, from the effects of which his recovery is doubtful.

Thomas Ellis, sixty years of age, was driving a wagon loaded with sulphuric acid, down a hill, near Paterson, on Saturday morning, when his wagon slid on the ice over an embankment five feet high. The wagon was wrecked, and he sustained injuries of a very serious if not fatal nature.

THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.

At the Exchange on Saturday, Feb. 13, under a Supreme Court foreclosure decree, William J. Martin, Esq., Referee, William Kennelly sold the three-story brick front frame house, with lot 25x100, No. 107 Mott street, west side, between Canal and Hester streets, for $7,050, to W. R. Foster. The legal sale by Samuel A. Steele of a house and lot on West Fifty-fourth street was adjourned to March 6.

Business during the past week has been excessively dull, the sales few in number, and such as have taken place of an uninteresting character. The total value of City real estate sold amounts to only $84,725, as against $182,631, the figures for the week ending with Saturday, Feb. 6.

In the sales announced for the present week, as scheduled below, those which are to occur on Thursday are deserving special attention. The entire list is also worthy attention as the most important thus far of the season.

Messrs. Duggin & Crossman, architects and builders, have recently purchased one lot, 38 by 100, on Fifth avenue, east side, between Forty-seventh and Forty-eighth streets, for $70,000, and one lot, 25 by 73, on East Forty-eighth street, north side, 100 feet east of Fifth avenue, for $26,600. Both lots will be immediately improved by the erection of first-class brown-stone-front houses thereon:

THIS WEEK'S AUCTIONS.

The sales proposed for the present week, all but one, (duly noted,) taking place at the Exchange, are as follows:

To-day, (Monday.) Feb. 15.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & White, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Stephen J. Bidlack, Esq., Referee, of one house, with lot 21.8 by 100, on West Forty-ninth street, south side, 228.4 feet west of Sixth avenue. Also, a public auction sale of four houses and seventeen lots, located at Rutherfurd Park, N. J.

By E. A. Lawrence & Co., Supreme Court foreclosure sale, E. D. Gale, Esq., Referee, of one house, with lot 25 by 103.3, on East Fourteenth street, north side, 266 feet east of Avenue A.

By Richard V. Harnett, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Richard M. Henry, Esq., Referee, of about four and a half acres of land, located on Avenue A, West Farms, Twenty-third Ward.

By James M. Miller, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, N. Jarvis, Jr., Esq., Referee, of a lease of four lots, together, in size 100 by 100, with improvements, on Greenwich street, south-west corner of North Moore street.

Tuesday, Feb. 16.

By Peter F. Meyer, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, William Sinclair, Esq., Referee, of one four-story and basement brown-stone-front house, with lot 20 by 98.9, on West Twenty-seventh street, north side, 160 feet west of Sixth avenue.

By Hugh N. Camp, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Charles P. Bucklev, Esq., Referee, of one house, with lot, on East Seventy-seventh street, south side, 104.4 feet east of First avenue.

By Richard V. Harnett, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Maurice Leyne, Esq., Referee, of the four-story and basement brown-stone-front house, with lot 16.8 by 58, No. 59 Prospect place, east side, 67.1 feet south of Forty-third street. Also similar sale, Ambrose Monell, Esq., Referee, of one house, with lot 20.2 by 50, on First avenue, west side, 90.4 feet north of Forty-second street.

By E. A. Lawrence & Co., Supreme Court foreclosure sale, E. D. Gale, Esq., Referee, of two lots, each 25 by 100, on Third avenue, east side, 50.9 feet north of Ninety-sixth street, and three lots, each 25 by 100.9, on East Ninety-sixth street, north side, 100 feet east of Third avenue.

Wednesday, Feb. 17.

By Richard V. Harnett, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Charles P. Latting, Esq., Referee, of two houses, with lots each 25 by 100, on Third avenue, east side, between One Hundred and Twelfth and One Hundred and Thirteenth streets. Also similar sale, T. C. Wilson, Esq., Referee, of eight lots, each 25 by 99.11, on East One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, north side, 165 feet west of Fourth avenue.

By Hugh N. Camp, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, G. I. Whitehead, Esq., Referee, of the store, with lot 23.7 by 100, No. 128 Pearl street, south side, about 50 feet north of Fletcher street.

By Samuel A. Steele, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, William Sinclair, Esq., Referee, of the house, with lot 15.6 by 100, No. 144 East Eighty-sixth street, south side, between Third and Fourth avenues.

By N. B. Herts & Sons, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, B. E. Cafferty, Esq., Referee, of a house, with lot 21.11 by 100, on Lexington avenue, north-east corner of Thirtieth street.

Thursday, Feb. 18.

By A. H. Muller & Son, public auction sale of the valuable plot of land, with brick buildings thereon, located on the north-west corner of Broad and Bridge streets, known as Nos. 96 and 98 Broad street and Nos. 33 and 35 Bridge street. The property lies between the Produce and Stock Exchanges, and is well situated for business purposes, having a frontage on Broad street of 43.8 feet and on Bridge street of 104.11 feet. Also, Executors' sale, to close estate of Guy Richards, deceased, of the three-story and basement granite-front house, with lot 28 by 139.4, No. 98 Bleecker street, south side, 72 feet west of Mercer street, and the brick stable, with lot 20 by 72, No. 96 Mercer steet, west side, 119.4 feet south of Bleecker street, the lots together forming an L. Also partition sale of the four-story brown-stone front house, with lease of lot 20 by 60, No. 146 East 38th avenue, east side, between Forty-second and Forty-third streets. The lease has sixteen years to run, with renewals, and the present ground-rent is $650 per annum. Also, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, William Sinclair, Esq., Referee, of the granite building, with plot of land 98.4 by 184 by 120 by 19.9 by 64 by 79, on Sixth avenue, south-east corner of Twenty-third street, known as Booth's Theatre.

By E. H. Ludlow & Co., assignee's sale by order of the United States District Court, under the direction of John S. Beecher, Esq., Receiver, of the desirable four-story and basement brown-stone front house and plot of ground No. 45 Park avenue, adjoining the south-east corner of Thirty-seventh street. The dwelling is 45 by 65, with three-story extension 30 by 40, and contains a large picture gallery, conservatory, grapery, &c., in rear. The plot is 74 by 105, with lot 25 by 20 on Thirty-seventh street with brick stable thereon. The sale is announced as peremptory, and an excellent opportunity for an investment is hereby presented.

By James M. Miller, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, N. B. Hoxie, Esq., Referee, of one house with lot 20 by 98.9, on West Thirty-third street north side, 160 feet east of Eighth avenue. Also, similar sale, W. S. Kelley, Esq., Referee, of one house with lot 25 by 100.5, on East Forty-seventh street, north side, 300 feet east of Second avenue; also, a plot of land 52.5 by 17.2 by 20 by 34.6 by 72.5 by 51.8, with buildings, on Baxter street, west side, 46.4 feet south of Hester street.

By E. A. Lawrence & Co., Supreme Court foreclosure sale, J. P. O'Neill, Esq., Referee, of one house with lot 15 by 98.9, on West Twenty-fourth street, south side, 199 feet east of Sixth avenue. Also, similar sale, E. D. Gale, Esq., Referee, of one house with lot 26.10 by 74.1, on West Thirty-fourth street, north side, 41.8 feet east of Tenth avenue. Also, similar sale of the building with lot, No. 39 Broad street.

By Joseph McGuire, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, N. Jarvis, Jr., Esq., Referee, of a building with plot of land 75 by 98.9, on East Twenty-third street, north side, 81.6 feet east of First Avenue.

Friday, Feb. 19.

By Hugh N. Camp, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, J. O. Dykman, Esq., Referee, of a plot of land, 100 by 100, situate on Scuyler street, north side, 425 feet west of Courtlandt avenue, Melrose, South, Twenty-third Ward.

By E. A. Lawrence & Co., Supreme Court foreclosure sale, E. D. Gale, Esq., Referee, of one house with lot 25 by 98.9, on East Thirty-ninth street, south side, 350 feet east of Second avenue.

Saturday, Feb. 20.

By E. A. Lawrence & Co., at the Town Hall, Jamaica, Long Island, at 12 M., Supreme Court foreclosure sale, J. H. Stuphin, Esq., Referee, of a tract of land containing nine acres, situate on the north side of the Brooklyn and Jamaica Turnpike road, and a tract of eight acres, located in the town of Flushing, belonging to the estate of John Keteltas.

EXCHANGE SALES, SATURDAY, FEB. 13.

NEW-YORK.

By William Kennelly.

1 3-story brick-front frame h. and l. No. 107 Mott st., n. s., between Canal and Hester sts., lot 25x100 ..... $7,050

RECORDED REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

NEW-YORK.

Friday, Feb. 12.

Albany Post road, plot on s. e. corner of Post Farm, now owned by Mrs. Samler; runs w. 420 ft. to A. M. Burns'; thence s. 130 ft. to centre of Riverdale Lane; thence n. 32 ft. to Mr. James'; thence s. 90 ft.; thence e. along James' 395 ft. to Albany Post road; thence n. e. 40 ft.; Yonkers, foreclosure; John P. O'Neill to Martha M. Shrady, widow $4 400

Cherry st., s. s., No. 15, 25x65.6; H. Fitzgerald to the New-York Bridge Company 14,500

Dover st., n. s., No. 7, 22x49.4; W. Hughes to the New-York Bridge Company 10,100

47th st., n. s., 250 ft. w. of 10th av., 25x75, Rosalie, wife of J. Perl, to I. Falk 20,500

54th st., n. s., 94 ft. e. of 1st av., 100x100.5; 55th st., s. s., 94 ft. e. of 1st av., 100x101.5; Henry Lee, by E. F. Betz, by part 27,500

65th st., n. s., 225 ft. e. of 4th av., 20x100.5, foreclosure; W. S. Kelley to G. Mayer 21,500

69th st., n. s., 45 ft. e. of 4th av., 20x100.5; Samuel Jones, Referee, to Ann R. Powell 20,900

74th st., s. s., 87 ft. w. of 2d av., 33x76, foreclosure; J. Meeks to Isidor Falk 3,100

80th st., s. s., 227.5 ft. w. of 2d av., 19.8x102; Catharine, wife of William Gallagher, to Ellen Hughes 4,220

85th st., s. s., 175 ft. w. of 11th av., 100x102.2; G. Tillotson, Referee, to J. H. Power 16,000

104th st., n. s., 150 ft. w. of 2d av., 50x100.10; W. Lalor to Mary H., wife of Samuel A. McGregor 48,000

104th st., n. s., 250 ft. w. of 2d av., 100x100.10; William Lalor to A. H. Drury 96,000

134th st., n. s., 100 ft. e. of Willis av., 25x100, North New-York; Oscar Norman to Mary A., wife of Joseph Horidge 7,000

Madison av., No. 251, e. s., 20x85; Charles W. Whiley, Jr., and Jane Whiley, Executors of C. W. Whiley, to Fanny Colt Sinclair 39,000

Webster av., s. e. corner Taylor av., 100x100, West Farms; Charles Spilker to Lens, wife of Caspar Fox 900

Same property; Jackson O. Dykeman to C. Spilker, foreclosure 450

2d av., n. e. corner 300th st., 20x60; Charles H. Miller, Henry E. Crampton, Frederic G. Smedley, Executors of Jacob Miller, to Jane M. Miller 25,000

2d av., w. s., 74.3 ft. s. of 24th st., 24.8x97.7; E. Hopp to G. Hoerber 30,000

2d av., e. s., (No. 1,608,) 17.4x100; Michael Smith to John Elder, Jr 5,000

Same property; J. Elder, Jr., to Mary, wife of M. Smith 5,000

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Barclay st., n. s., 79.11 ft. w. of Washington st., 22.10x100; 21 years per year; William E. Rhinelander, Executor, to Howell Hoppock ... 1,350

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